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#### Kuwait frees 10 activists on bail

CAIRO (R) - Kuwait Saturday released on bail 10 pro-democracy activists arrested for holding what officials said was an illegal political meeting and distributing leaflets. "They were all released on hell and will have to pay various amounts. The maximum was 300 dinars (\$1,900)," defence lawyer Estad Al Self told Reuters by telephone from Kuwait. Eight men, including leftist physician Ahmad Al Khatib, were arrested Tuesday at a meeting attended by some 200 people. Government officials said they had urged a boycott of June 10 elections for an interim national assembly. Two other activists were arrested Monday and Wednesday for printing and distributing leaflets without the government's permission, the lawyer said. The pro-democracy movement, formed late last year, calls the proposed four-year house unconstitutional and insists on the return of a parliament dissolved in August 1986. Some 560 people have registered to run for 50 seats in the new house. Diplomats in Knwait said most of the candidates do not enjoy popular support. Twenty-five members will be appointed by the emir, Shelkh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

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AMMAN (J.T.) -- Cypriot Presi-Wrote La deat George Vassifion has postponed a state visit to Jordan cheditied to have taken place next week in response to an invitation by His Majesty King Hussein, informed sources said Saturday. According to the sources, Jordan requested the Cypriot leader to postpone the visit in consideration of the ongoing preparations for an emergency Arab summit to be held in Baghdad on May 28. Nonew date was immediately available for the Cypriot president's

#### Bhutto to visit Amman this month

AMMAN (R) - Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto will visit Amman later this month for talks on the Middle East and bilateral ties, a government official said Saturday. He told reporters Bhatto would strive from talks in. Damascus, but gave no further details.

#### Ben Ali to visit U.S.

WASHINGTON (USIA) - The first official visit to the United States by President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali of Tunisia will take place May 14-17; Tunisia's Ambussador to the United States Abdul-Aziz Hamzaoui said Friday, Relations between the United States and Tunisia are "excellent," and Ben Ali's visit to Washington will "set a perspective for the future," the ambassador told reporters at a press briefing at the Tunisian.

#### Hoss wife dies

BEIRUT (AP) -Leila Phieceon, the wife of Prime Minister Salim. Al Hoss, died of cancer at the American University Hospital Saturday, She was 57, the mier's office said Mrs. Hoss had been admitted into hospital Thursday. A cource at the office said she had cancer, but would not provide other details. The couple married in 1957. Two years later they went to the United States, where Hose obtained his doctorate in economics and business administration from the University of Indiana in 1961. They have only one daughter, Wadad, 30, who was born in the United States:

#### 10 killed in Beirut duels

BEIRUT (R) - Merciless artillery and tank duels killed at least people and wounded 41 in Lehanon's Christian enclave Saturday despite four attempts to arrange a ceasefire. General Michel Acun's army troops and the Lebanese Forces militia slammed each other for five hours with artillery fire. Shells fell at the rate of five a minute, an east Beirut resident reported.

#### ng the told be perions Egyptian farmer kills 6 to revenge brother

CAIRO (R) - An Egyptian farmer seeking revenge for his brother's death shot dead six Japan s of people in an ambush on their car Friday night, police said. They said Ragab Mahmoud Awad would be a opened fire with an automatic ge of the rifle at dentist Kamal Rushdi he ceres Morcos, whose brother is on trial for the murder last year of a some s Awad's brother, as he drove near the city of Alexandria. All five passengers, including a priest, his wife and their 10-year-old son, were also killed. Awad was

#### Bourguiba given greater freedom

campus ity, where ychologis Tutsub TUNIS (R) - Former President Habib Bourguiba, under state guard in his native city of Monastir, has been visited by local dignitaries - a sign that limits on Ava has k his activities have been eased. For the first time since he was declared senile and deposed in November 1987, Bourgoiba Priand he is day received the mayor of Monastir, Neji Skhiri, local deputy Ahmad Kallala and regional governor Abdul Aziz Chashane. Skhiri told Renters Saturday the ex-president, who is at least 86 years old, was "well, and well looked after."

# King stresses need for Jordan: Summit should

By a Jordan Thmes Staff Writer

AMMAN - His Majesty King Hussein Saturday described proper education as one of the major challenges facing the Arab World in the 21st century and ontlined a 10-noint framework to achieve the objective of preparing the future generations to deal with the fast-moving international de-

The King, in an address delivered on his behalf by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan at the the ninth annual meeting of the Arab Thought Forum (ATF), said Arab education had always been a target of "covetons foreign powers (which) were detetmined to exploit the location and resources of our land and take. untair advantage of our people's labour and markets to the verge of enslaving them."

"Naturally, such powers could not have succeeded in the past and would not succeed in the future unless we were to remain weak and deprived of the power of knowledge and weak,"

the King said. The Arab World witnessed "a decade and a half of fragmentation and intra and inter-regional wars of attrition; in Lebanon, Sudan, the Gulf and the Western Sahara" since the 1973 war, the King said. "Financial resources were squandered and huge debts accumulated by certain Arab states. Thus, an historic opportunity in the life of nations and peoples was lost. Concomitantly, we reached a stage, in the middle of the 1980s, where hostile powers would publicly state their erstwhile, secret plans to divide this or that Arab country and/

The King said, however, develop-ments in the latter half of the 1980s including the Amman Arab summit of 1987, the eruption of the Palestinian uprising later that year, traq's victory in its war with Iran, and proclamation of the State of Palestine in November 1988, the birth of re-gional Arab blocs, democratisation rocesses in Algeria, Jordan and Tunisia and the Lebanese Peace plan prepared at Tail, Saudi Arabia, in 1989 — constituted a "new Arab awakening whose idioms and evolution have been unfolding in a startling and continuous manner, at a time when enormous, dramatic developments were taking place in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, ushering in a new era of international de-

The Arab World is witnessing today "consecutive and precipitous' strikes by the "covetous foreign pow ers... disturbed by the new Arab awakening...," the King said. He spe-cifically referred to the massive Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine, conflicts over waters of Arab rivers, attempts in "sabotage nascent scientific and technological facilities in Arab countries such as Iraq and Libya," campaigns against Arab leaders and countries and incitement of racial prejudices against Arabs and ms, efforts to undermine the Taif accord, and economic pressures on indebted Arab countries and endeavours to create mistrust and doubt among Arab countries.

In the coming months and years, we are to expect more of these onslaughts aimed at undoing that which we have achieved over the past three years in the way of understanding, cooperation and solidarity," the

Education plays a very big role in trying to fight off hostile plots and or annex and avallow this or that part

century and the early decades of the next - "the advanced scientific and technological revolution, the democratic revolution and the revolution of giant economic groupings — as in-terrelated and interconnected with knowledge and science as the common denominator, the King said:
"The world of the future and the future of the world will be determined

"Only they will grow and prosper, while 'those who do not know will lag behind and suffer," the King said

See page 4 for full text of the King's speech.

In order to interact with the needs of time and changing world scenes, "educating the Arab Nation is one of the most important challenges of the nineties an the twenty-first century," the King said.

"The future of the nation is dependent on the education of the future, which embrace ten objectives without which education will remain incomplete, ineffective and disturted," the King said. He said these objectives were; "complementary development of the body, mind and soul; nurturing belief in God, His prophets. and spiritual and buman values; fostering the exaltation of Arabian, nation bood and the homeland; instilling the ethics of work, productivity and professionalism; preparing the individual for the future, equipping him with flexibility and adaptability; preparing individuals capable of moulding the future by nurturing and developing creativity and the ability to plan and organise; developing citizens able 10 comprehend and exercise their rights and duties, and capable of effective social, civic and political participatrying to light off hostile plots and prepare "ourselves to adapt and play an effective role" in the evolution of such onslunghts, the King said.

Describing the most important de-

# Iraqi president proposes meeting with Rafsanjani

NICOSIA (R) -- Iraqi President the letter, received May 1, Saddam Hussein has proposed a face-to-face meeting with Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to break the deadlock which followed the Guif war, a Tehran newspaper reported

A senior Iraqi official told a Kuwait newspaper that a letter from President Hussein sent May I offered Iran "an opportunity for a convorchensive settlement to the border conflict."

Another Kuwait newspaper was reported that President Hussein proposed a new approach to ownership of the Shatt Al Arab, a border waterway which was one of the roots of the 1980-88 con-

Iran's fundamentalist leaders

although its contents have not been officially disclosed. Iran's media reported a series

of meetings to discuss it and Rafsanjani spoke of "some signs" of good intentions from Baghdad. The Tehran Times, an Englishlanguage newspaper close to Raf-

sanjani, reported the invitation to a summit, saying Iraq would soon have a chance to show U.N. Secretary General Javier Peres de Quellar whether it means what it

"If Iraq is sincere in its gestures it should be assured of Iran's full cooperation," the Tehran Times said. "The Islamic republic time and again has proven its seriousness to this end.

"Will Baghdad's foreign minishave displayed open interest in. ter, this time too, repeat his past

performances of totally fruitless visits, and talks...?" the paper asked, "It is booed that, as may be expected from the positive contents of the Iraqi letter to Iran, this will not be the case this

Peres de Cuellar is due to meet Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz in Rome Monday.

The Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watzn Saturday quoted Iraqi De-puty Foreign Minister Nizar Handoun as urging Tehran "not to miss an opportunity for a comprehensive settlement to the border conflict."

Hamdoun said Iraq had no interest in resuming the war and a comprehensive peace would guarantee regional stability, the paper reported.

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# Palestinians, Israelis stage joint protest

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (Agencies) - Palestinians and Israelis joined their hands near the closed gates of a university campus in Bethlehem Saturday, protesting against the ongoing shutdown of Arab universities in the occupied territor-

About 100 protesters also conducted a symbolic class near the campus of Bethlehem University, listening to lectures delivered by Israeli and Palestinian academics. "We came bere to engage in a

symbolic act of teaching that can not go nu in this building and many other educational institutions in the West Bank," said Avi-Temkin, a Tel Aviv University. political science lecturer. "As a Jew, I'm ashamed of the fact that we are preventing young people from studying."

"We want to tell the Israeli public and the academic community in particular that time has come to break the silence," said Temkin, who is also a semior official within the leftist Citizens'

Participants in the rally included members of Temkin's group and other Israeli left-wing

They demanded the reopening of the six universities in the occu-

closed the universities shortly after the December 1987 outbreak

The army also banned study groups in private homes, correspondence courses and seminars for students from the occupied territories at schools in Arab Jeru-

Naim Abdul Hoummus, secretary of Higher Education council in the occupied territories, called for more Israeli support.

have a dream too ... we have our dream of peace. We appeal to the Israelis to stand with us. We believe in peace and we shall fight until there is an independent Palestinian and an independent Israeli state," he said.

# quality Arab education produce united position

MANAMA, Bahrain (Agencies) - His Majesty King Hussein stressed in an interview published Saturday that the Arabs must emerge as a united front at the proposed Arab summit conference to confront Israel as well as

the changing international scene. "It is the solits within the Arab World, the absence of necessary coordination and full cooperation among us, that are encouraging Israel towards aggression and expansion," the king said in the interview published in Bahrain's Arabie-language daily Akhbar Al Khaleej.

"The emergency Arab summit that will be convened in Baghdad is required to adopt stands that will make Israel realise the doors are not open for its adventures," King Hussein said.

The Arab countries also had to unite to be able to address the world in "a different language" commensurating with the changes that have been taking place inter-

Syria so far has refused to

attend because of a long, hitter rift with Iraq. "Syria is an important part of the Arab Homeland and commands a critical position on the

Arah map," said King Hussein.
"Therefore naturally I do not believe it is easy to find a pretext for Syria's absence." He added: "We must appear as brothers who rise above their wounds... I hope that all shoulder

their responsibility and we appear capable of constructive, objective dialogue at the summit." He also said there should be "frankness, clarity and accounting" at the summit, indirectly urging Syrian President Hafez Al Assad show up in Baghdad for

President Saddam Hussein on the fringes of the summit. King Hussein warned that if the summit failed to materialise,

settling of differences with Iraqi

nian individual may not understand this except as a total letting down" by the Arabs.

King Hussein said that the massive influx of Soviet Jews to Palestine was confronting the Arabs with a situation "no less catastrophic than that of 1948" when the state of Israel was cre-

In answer to a question on calls to open the Eastern Front for military operations against Israel King Hussein indicated that Jordan is covering the whole depth of the Arah World by merely protecting its long confrontation line with Israel which stretches to 420 kilometres.

"I don't know what will become of our (Arab) Nation if this Jordanian wall - God forbid -were to collapse, and how the nation can then be able to reorganise, given the stupendous.

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# Arab professionals meet with focus on Israeli threats

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- A two-day meeting of representatives of Arab professional associations opened here Saturday to discuss the dangers of Soviet Jewish immigration to the Israeli-occupied territories and to lead a "return" march to Palestine Monday which is expected to draw thousands of Jordanians and Arah participants in the con-

The meeting, inaugurated by Prime Minister Mudar Badran deputising for His Majesty King Hussein, will discuss and exchange views on ways to counter the threats of Israeh expansionism at the expense of the Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and dangers inherent to the Arab World in the massive Soviet immigration.

At least 200 unionists and professinnals will lead a silent march Monday, demanding the right of Palestinians to return to their

Saturday under the chairmanship of Ahmad Obeidat to discuss internal

laws designed to organise procedural

The commission members en-

dorsed five points in addition to another five adopted in previous

meetings. The committee was ex-

pected to finish endorsement of others late Saturday.

The points approved early Saturday deal with the duties of the sub-committees. The commission lists the

names of each sub-committee mem-bers, provided that a member cannot join two committees, and the chair-

man of each committee should submit

a list of names of the committee's

members to be approved by the chair-

Each committee will select a chair-

man and a rapporteur and the duties of each committee's chairman and rapporteur will be as those of their

counterparts in the General Commis-

sion in terms of the committee's

The committees can receive help from any Jordanian citizen specialised

in the specific issue under study by

The seventh point in the law dwelt

on the right of any cirizen to address

the General Commission. It said that

Jordanians can present memos on any

of the national charter's issues to the

commission or to the sub-committees.

The internal laws stipulate that

commission members should attend

its meetings regularly and justifica-

tion should be provided for possible

The law specify that the quorum for

the commission and committees

Another article stipulates that the office of the General Commission's

chairman should prepare the agenda

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should be absolute majority.

man of the General Commission.

homeland. The marchers will also include members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament in Jordan as well as several political and public figures.

Dr. Mamdouh Abbadi, president of the Jordan Medical Association and the organiser of the meeting and the march, told the Jordan Times Saturday that the number of marchers "will exceed all expectations." In his opening speech, Badran described Soviet Jewish immigra-

tion to the Israeli-occupied territories as the "last chapter in the crime of usurpation of the land of Palestine. The prime minister stressed Jordan's "national responsibility"

in fighting Israeli expansionism and protecting Arah national security. "For over four decades, Jordan

has been carrying the bonour of this national duty, and it confroms the collaboration of many forces which see in the failure of our country, God forbid, a gate to the rest of the Arah World."

700 Arah and Jordanian professionals attending the opening ceremony.

The premier said Jordan considers these responsibilities as only a small price to pay without expecting anything in return. "We give without reservations, always sure that our brothers, of whom you are the significant part, realise this truth," be said.

The premiet highlighted the significance of the Amman meeting and described it as an indication of the Arab public awareness of the "dangerous responsibility facing the Arab World.

Your meeting at a time when preparations are underway to hold an Arab summit is proof that this nation, with all its citizens, public, intellectual and political leadership, is now facing a dangerous responsibility: To defend the Arah Order, protect national security," Badran said. Badran blamed Arah disunity

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#### Government declares Commission on charter adopts laws

AMMAN (Petra) --- Prime Minister Mudar Badran Saturday declared 1991 as the "year of water" for Jordan and instructed Minister of Water and Irrigation Daood Khalaf to carry a study of water resources in the Kingdom AMMAN (Petra) - The General Commission entrusted with drafting

and to build 10 earth dams.

Badran urged Khaiaf to study the situation of water hasins to determine the Kingdom's water reserves and means of replenish them. He also instructed the minister to use local resources for the building of the 10 dams. The prime minister also asked for a comprehensive report on waste water treatment in the country and means of reducing its effect on water, public health and the environment.

Badran formed a ministerial public health committee to look into the

water situation at the Zarqa River Basin to ensure the proper functioning the waste water treatment plants along the river bed and ensure its ecological The prime minister asked Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior

Salem Massa'deh, Minister of Health Mohammad Adomb Al Zaben and Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arabyst to take all measure to ensure that valley water in Salt and Jerush is not used for irrigation or washing of vegetables grown in those valleys. Badran also asked concerned authorities and ministeries to study and

evaluate the problem of flies plaguing the Jordan Valley and asked for the The prime minister also instructed the Ministry of Tourism and the Jordan Valley Authority to organise the movement of tourists into the valley and on the aboves of the Dead Sea to ensure the area's cleanliness.

**Baltic presidents** 

# forge united stand

cies) - The presidents of the three Baltic republics agreed Saturday to restore a pre-war council coordinating their foreign and domestic policies as part of their efforts to gain independence from the Kremlin.

The accord to revive the 1934 treaty of unity and cooperation, and thereby recreate the Baltic council, was reached during fourand-a-half hours of talks at an historie one-day summit in the Estonian capital, Tallinn.

Lithuanian President Vytautas another," Runtel told reporters,

TALLINN, Soviet Union (Agen- Landsbergis, Estonian President Arnold Ruutel and Latvian President Anatoly Gorbunovs during a brief ceremony attended by re-The presidents asked Soviet

President Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. President George Bush to support their cause at a superpower summit meeting in Washington later this month.

"We must give a hand to one another, these little nations of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, because in history during a diffi-The documents were signed by cuit period we always helped one

# **Baghdad** sends out summit invitation

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Taren Aziz left for Saudi Arabia Saturday to invite King Fahd to an emergency

Arah summit in Baghdad May 28. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Aziz would deliver a letter to the king about the meeting. It did not elaborate, but an Arab diplomat told Reuters the letter contained an official invitation from President Saddam Hussein,

Eighteen of the Arab League's 22 members have agreed to attend the emergency summit, two days before a meeting in Washington between presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gor-

Arab leaders hope to send a strong signal to Washington and Moscow over the influx of Soviet Jews to Israel.

King Fahd has yet to say whether he will attend the summit or send a member of the ruling family in his place. Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah

has been trying, apparently with-ont success, to heal a deepening rift between Iraq and Syria over the summit. Syria opposes Baghdad as a

venue and suggests an urgent meeting of Arab foreign ministers to fix a neutral site. President Hussein is mean-

while trying to balt fighting between Lebanon's Christian rivals ahead of the Arah summit, an Arab diplomat said Saturday. The diplomat, who asked not to be named, told Reuters repre-

sentatives of Lehanese army general Michel Aoun and his rival Lebanese Forces (LF) militia eader Samir Geagea had gone to Baghdad for mediation talks. President Hussein is trying to stop the fighting... in east Beirut

as part of his efforts to keep the Baghdad summit agenda to the two main points - pan-Arah security and the (Soviet) Jewish exodus to the (Israeli)-occupied Arah territories," the diplomat told Reuters.

The London-based Arab newspaper Al Asharq Al Awsat quoted sources in Beirut Saturday as saying a senior Iraqi official chaired a meeting with the Lehanese envoys Wednesday. The unnamed official told both sides to stop fighting and start a dialogue to settle their differences, the paper added. Al Sharq Al Awsat identified

the Lebanese envoys as Pierre Rizk, head of the Lebanese Forces intelligence, and Brigadier Fouad Aoun, a distant relative of Lebanese Prime Minister Salim

Al Hoss has said his country's crisis should be discussed at the

But be added that discussing the Lebanese crisis in the absence of Syria would be meaningless and could backfire to distroy the peace process.

The Lebanese stand came in a letter sent by Hoss in his capacity as foreign minister to the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria. They form a committee entrusted by the Arab League to end the country's 15-year civil war.

As efforts are being exerted to hold an emergency Arab summit, we can't but express our deep anxiety towards the negative effects un Lebanon... if the summit were held without the appropriate preparations to ensure its success," Hoss said.



### Arens hits U.S.

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Areus said Saturday that U.S. cooperation with Arab states drafting a U.N. resolution criticising Israel was "a source of disappointment" for the Jewish state,

Arens expressed hope that the United States, in the end, would not approve the draft of the resolution opposing the settlement of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories, or would veto it during the planned U.N. Security Council vote.

Israel, he said, is "concerned about some of the preparations for presenting a resolution at the U.N. Security Council."

For several weeks, the 15member council has been negotiating the draft resolution, which also endorses the right of Palestinian exiles to return to their homeland and calls Israel's settlements in the occupied territories illegal and a threat to regional

does not see the settlements a

threat to regional peace.

peace and security. The United States views settlement in the occupied territories as an obstacle to Middle East peacemaking, but reportedly seeks to water down the resolu-Rights Movement. tion, rejects the term "illegal" and

nian teachers and activists.

pied territories, closed since the start of the 29-month-old upris-The occupation authorities

of the uprising.

Temkin called on Israeli academics and students to wear black clothes as a sign of protest and belp the Palestinians with their underground classes.

"We are human beings, we

# 1991 as year of water

# **Afghan king appeals** for unity among rebels

ROME (AP) — The exiled king of Afghanistan Saturday appealed to rebel groups fighting the Afghan government to put aside their differences to push for elections.

King Zaher Shah's appeal came a few days after rebels declared they would reject any U.S.-Soviet deal to end their 12year-old fight to oust Kabul's Communist-style government.

Talks about how to end the Afghan civil war are expected to be high on the agenda later this month when U.S. President George Bush meets with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev in Washington.

Western diplomats and Afghan experts in Pakistan have said one possible solution could be an election run by the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamie Conference, or hy a "neutral" body chosen by both

organisations. The ex-king made his appeal in a written statement issued in Rome, where he has lived in exile since 1973, when his cousin, Mohammad Doaud, staged a coup with the help of Afghanistan's then-fledgling Communists.

Addressing his appeal to the fragmented rebel groups, Zaher Shah said they "should not now

lay claim to political leadership without preparing the opportunity of referring it to the vote of the Afghan people, which is the fundamental criterion for obtaining political leadership."

The loose coalition of rebel groups is deeply divided. Adding to the political difficulties is Afghan President Najibullah's refusal to step down before any elections - a pre-condition set by even the most moderate guerrilla groups, whose headquarters are in the Pakistani border city of

Moderate Afghan groups have pushed for the restoration of the 75-year-old king as the only way to avoid a bloody struggle between rival guerrilla groups. In the past, Zaher Shah has said he is ready to offer "any service" in the search for a peaceful political settlement in his homeland following the withdrawal of Soviet troops in early 1989.

Last year, a radical Afghan rebel leader accused the United States of plotting to return the ex-king to Afghanistan in an

effort to prevent the formation of an Islamic government in Kabul. In his appeal Saturday, the

monarch said he has "no personal consideration or claim to any special privilege whatsoever. My sole objective is the attainment of national unity and cohesion among the various sides of Afghan society and the establishment of peace in the country." As a "first step" toward peace,

be said, "measures should be undertaken for an understanding between the various circles which support the Jihad and the other effective elements of the Afghan society. At the same time, contacts should be made at international and regional levels in order to attain increased effectiveness,"

Asked just what kind of measures the king had in mind, his spokesman and brother-in-law, Gen. Abdul Wali, declined to elaborate. He also declined to comment on prospects that might develop from the U.S.-Soviet talks in Washington.

For nine years, more than 103,000 Soviet soldiers fought along with Afghan Communist troops trying to quash the rebels, who were supplied by the United States. The Soviet troops were withdrawn in accordance with a U.N.-brokered agreement.

The capture of Massawa cut

The Soviet-backed government

Ethiopia warns German aid ship against sailing to Massawa Port attacks on Massawa since Febru-

NAIROBI (R) — The Ethiopian authorities have told a West Gerary and rejected an EPLF offer to man charity shipping about 1,500 tonnes of food to famine victims open the port for supplies to both rebel and government-held areas. Food aid is at present being in northern Ethiopia that it cannot use the rebel-beld port of brought by two routes to Eritrea, badly hit hy the drought and split between rebel and government.

The rebel Eritrean People's Li-beration Front (EPLF) said areas of control. The EPLF's relief agency sends food hy road from Port Sudan. Saturday the Ethiopian government had threatened to bomh the ship, a Danish vessel chartered by For government-controlled areas, the charity Cap Anamur, if it docked at Massawa as planned. a U.N.-sponsored airlift to the provincial capital Asmara began It would have been the first

10 days ago.

Relief agencies battling against the threat of famine in rebel-held food aid vessel to enter the port since it fell to the EPLF in areas of northern Ethiopia February. warned Friday that food stocks at "The latest information we a kev Red Sea port had dropped have is that the ship has been diverted to Port Sudan," an to alarming levels. We appeal to the internation-

EPLF spokesman told Reuters in al donor community to speed up delivery of pledged food aid to Nairohi hy telephone from "We told them we could not Ethopia before it is too little, too late," Francis Stephanos, coordinator of a group of church-based ensure their security at Massawa

attacks. In Addis Ababa, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said only that the ship had been advised to sail south to the government-held port of Asah, because Massawa was off-limits to shipping.

because of the threat of air

He declined to give further details and it was not clear whether the ship had gone to Port Sudan or to Asab

the main entry route for food supplies for up to 4.5 million drought victims threatened with starvation this year across northern Ethiopia.

has carried out sporadic air

official called for the release of

foreign hostages in Lehanon and

said Washington could show

goodwill by releasing billions of

dollars in Iranian assets, the

Tehran Times reported Saturday.

director-general of Iran's Foreign

Ministry, as saying the recent release of two American captives

was due to his country's efforts.

the United States continues its

"hostile and negative" attitude

towards Iran, there can be no

possibility of an improvement in

saying in the interview, con-

ducted originally in Vienna with

Austrian lournalists.

But Musavian said as long as

It quoted Hussein Musavian,

plies across military lines The two provinces have been

crippled by drought and years of guerrilla warfare. Francis said that following repairs to roads in the area about

100 trucks were now carrying 800 nnes of aid each day. The JRP aimed to move 14,500 tonnes a month before seasonal rains made routes impassable, be

JRP observers who toured the affected regions last week reported severe drought but said starving people bad not yet ahandoned their villages in search of

In Geneva, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) announced the beginning of an airlift to the 500,000 people in the rebel-surrounded Eritrean capital Asmara in the north.

The first U.N.-sponsored flight arrived from Addis Ababa on May 3 with 30 tonnes of tents, feeding kits, first aid kits and cooking items. Another aircraft flew in Thursday with blankets, enerators, tents and children's

Thirty more flights are planned the next three months, eight by the end of May.

None of the relief being trans-ported across rebel lines by the Ethiopian churches has been going to rebel-held areas in Eritrea, relief workers said.

They added that some food has been unloaded across the border at Port Sudan further up the Red Sea coast and trucked in to Eritvinces in the 52 days since it rea by private relief agencies.

Children gather in a new school in the rebel held province of Eritres where the threat of famine is increasing.

# Shamir had no prior knowledge of Jewish settlement in Old City

TEL AVIV (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has said he had no prior knowledge about plans to establish a Jewish settlement in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City or about the government's secret funding of

Shamir made the statement in a conversation with the Israeli mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, who reported to the premier about his meeting with U.S. President George Bush last week, Shamir's aide Avi Pazner said.

"Yes, it's true that be (Shamir) did not know of the settlement beforehand," Pazner said in an

The April II move of 150 settlers into a 72-room complex owned by the Greek Orthodox Church has sparked protests by Christian and Muslim Arabs and touched off a controversy that. strained Israel's relations with the United States.

The settlers evacuated St.

John's Hospice on May I following an order from Israel's supreme court. Some 20 caretakers remain inside pending a decision on the property dispute in which the church claims that a former tenant illegally sold his lease to

Leaders of Christian churches in the Holy Land closed holy sites including Church of the Holy Sepulcher near the settlements, on April 27 in protest over the settlers' move.

the settlers.

Five days before the church action, Israel's Housing Ministry revealed that it secretly put some \$1.8 million to help fund the settlement and that the Finance Ministry was aware of the

Shamir has been in charge of the Finance Ministry since the mid-March collapse of a coalition that united his hardline Likud Bloc and the centre-left Labour Party of former imance minister. Shimon Peres.

of all, the initial sums were given when Peres was finance

The rest of the money, he said, was transferred without Shamir's knowledge as the move did not demand Shamir's approval. Not every sum you have to

therefore Shamir did not know, Pazner said the prime minister riewed the controversy created by the Old City settlement as

ask the finance minister for.

hlown out of proportion."

Jerusalem municipality spokeswoman Bonnie Boxer refrained from comment on Shamir's state-

She said Kollek "stands by everything he said, which was that the settlement in the Christian Quarter was a mistake and that be helieves there was an Christians."

the release of Iranian assets frozen by them for years."

some 3,2000 claims, worth about 50 million, filed against the Iranian government by U.S. citizens who were in Iran when the revolution seized power in 1979.

relief agencies, told Reuters.

He said stocks in the port

Assab had dropped to 15,000

tonnes, barely one month's plan-

ned supply for the rebel-held

areas where the United Nations

says up to 4.5 million people face

enough stock of food aid in the

rebel-held areas before the rainy

season next month we fear the

situation could develop into a

Francis said the Joint Relief

Partnership (JRP) had trucked

over 10,000 tonnes of food into

northern Wollo and Tigray pro-

catastrophe," he added.

Iranian aide urges hostages' release

"Unless we are able to hold

starvation.

Most of these claims involve loss of personal property. This was believed to be a step forward toward settling a multibillion-dollar dispute festering since 1979 after Washington froze Iranian

Iran says the frozen assets amount to \$11 billion but the United States says the figure is exaggerated. We believe that all countries,

relations. especially those that have influ-without any ence in Lebanon, should exert Musavian said. especially those that have influ- without any preconditions, the United States to prove its their maximum efforts for the goodwill," he was quoted as release of the hostages," Musa-

"The criteria for these efforts should be to release all hostages Asked what Washington could regardless of their nationality. do to show its goodwill, he said, solely for humanitarian causes "their hands are free for taking and without an preconditions or positive practical steps, such as deals."

It was the latest in a series of statements from Iranian officials The United States and Iran saying the 16 Western hostages in agreed Wednesday on settling Lehanon, most of whom are held

by pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslim groups, should be freed. But after the recent release of

Robert Polhill, 55, and Frank Reed, 57, Iran and the hostageholders have demanded a goodwill gesture from the United States before further releases.

"In order to show the world that we are interested and believe in the release of innocent human beings, we made a lot of efforts in Lebanon in the past few months and succeeded in convincing Lebanese Muslim groups through insistence and a lot of pressures to release two American hostages

But further progress on the issue could be conditional on movement on the issue of "hundreds of Muslim hostages" held by Israel and its proxies in South Lebanon and Israel itself, he said.

"It is only a natural expectation of world public opinion that the other side should show goodwill towards the great act of the Lebanese groups, and release the Muslim hostages," Musavian

# GCC helicopters begin exercises in Gulf of Oman

MUSCAT (AP) - Squadrons of at Khasah Air Base: helicopters and support units from the six nations of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) began a six-day joint exercise in northern Oman Saturday.

A ministry of defence spokesman in Muscat said the manoeuvres were being supervised by senior Oman Air Forces officers

Khasab is on the tip of the Musandam peninsula, overlooking the 60-kilometre length of the Strait of Hormnz separating Oman from Iran.

The GCC groups Bahrain, Knwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arah Emirates and

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The Contractors who had been dealified previously for the Seventh Education Project and local contractors classified in the field of buildings first or second grades and willing to participate in the following tenders are requested to purchase tender documents from the Government Tenders Directorate/ Ministry of Public Works and Housing starting May, 13th 1990 according to the following:

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Housing and Jana' Schools in Zarga, area (8,600) sq.m. .C. Last date for purchase of tender document on June,

Work load will be considered in awarding:

E. Financial offers shall be submitted to the Government Tenders Directorate before 13:30 local time on Sat. the 30th of June 1990.

> Chairman, Central Tenders Committee **Government Tenders Directorate**

# Scientists warn of pollution threat to marine life off Oman

an internatrional team of scientists mapping Oman's strategie northern Musandam coast warned Saturday that extensive marine pollution threatened the peninsula's fragile ecosystems.

A 10-week survey completed earlier this week had revealed substantial underwater and coastal pollution caused by oil spills, flotsam and trash washed up on beaches, said Dr. Rod Salm, head of the government-sponsored study, in a statement to the. Associated Press.

Musandam controls the 60kilometre long Strait of Hormuz separating Oman from Iran. One sixth of the world's oil supply passes through the strait from the Gulf Arah states.

Salm, 42, a Muscat-hased marine hiologist, hlamed ele-ments of the pollntion huild-up on small boat traders motoring

across the strait from Iran, and from Pakistan, to the Gulf ports 'at the huge extent of the pollution of Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah. He said they left a trail of

wreckage and litter along the peninsula's inlets and sandy beach nesting grounds were globally important species of endangered hawksbill and green turtles lay their eggs.

The 15,000-square-kilometre monntain peninsula just into Gulf, separating it from the Gulf of Oman and Indian Ocean. The province is divided from the rest of Oman by a 70-kilometre strip of territory controlled by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The mapping survey covered 650 kilometres of coastline from Tibat on the western Musandam coast bordering the UAE in the Gulf, to Diba Al Bayah on the peninsula's eastern border with

"We are extremely concerned in evidence," said Salm, 42, from Baltimore, Maryland, who is on attachment from the International Union for ...e Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

"It has sacrificed the usefulness of the beaches for fishermen and pre-empted government development plans for recreation and tourism.

Complaining in particular about the Iranian and Pakistani small-boat traders, he said they leave all sorts of rubbish behind them." He listed sighted smashed hulls, hroken up cargoes, torn clothing, cartons of cigarettes and

tin cans. "Some pollution is possibly a direct result of the tanker war hut we have no real 'before and after' picture because this is the first time the coast has been mapped

#### Colombia tears up visa agreement with Israel in weapons protest decision was intended as a strong Rodriguez Gacha, a top drug trafficker killed in a shootout

BOGOTA (R) — Colombia has made visas ohligatory for all Israeli visitors in what a government source said was intended as a strong protest over drug traffickers' use of Israeli weapons

and mercenaries The Foreign Ministry said Colombia had informed the Israeli amhassador in Bogota of its decision to revoke 1962 and 1966 agreements allowing Israeli

citizens to visit without a visa. "Consequently, any Israeli citizen - whether diplomat, soldier, student or whoever - will need a visa to enter the country," a Foreign Ministry spokesman

ZARQA: Dr. Yousef Abu Sa'ad .......

protest over disclosures that Colombian cocaine traffickers had received Israeli arms and used Israeli mercenaries to train their private armies.

The powerful drug traffickers have killed more than 250 people in bombings and assassinations since they declared war on the state last August.

A scandal over Israeli arms found in the hands of drug traffiekers is shaking Colombia, Israel and the Caribbean nation of Antigua and Barhuda.

more than 250 Israeli-made guns

Colombian police discovered.

explanation. Israel said it sold the weapons legally to Antigua and Barhuda and the Caribhean country's government had guaranteed they would not be

Colombia asked Israel for an

with police last December.

Antigua and Barhuda has opened an investigation into the Colombia has also accused

sold to a third country.

Israeli and British mercenaries of helping the drug traffickers to train private armies. The armies have been hlamed for massacring civilians in northern Colombia.

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## Jordan should rationalise water consumption — minister

ANDMAN (J.T.) - The total amount of water used for domesthe purpose in fordan is estimated at 180 million cubic metres annually and this is expected to rise to 260 million by the year 2065 due to population growth, scottling to Minister of Water and Irrigation Daoud Khalaf.

For this reason, the country ought to seek fresh water resources and rationalise consump-tion," the minister said in a statement to the Jonian News Agency: Petra

Khalaf said an estimated 350 million cubic metres are annually used in agriculture, but more water supplies will be needed if agricultural projects are to be

Both in agriculture and for domestic use, amounts are being excessively used and proper programmes are being implemented by the ministry to deal with this

Since May 1, 1990 the ministry started implementing a water distribution programme in view of the expected increase in water consumption in the summer, and the arrival of vacationers in the conting months.

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pressurised water network in the the minister said that contacts are Jordan Valley to replace the open canal system and avoid excessive loss of irrigation water due to evaporation.

By the end of the second phase of the current project expected before the end of 1990. nearly 20 per cent of the normally lost water will be saved." "The first phase cost JD 10 million while the second is expected to cost JD 18 million," the minister

Referring to surface water, the minister said that three dams: Al Mujeb, Al Walch and Al Tannour are being implemented at present. When completed the three dams will together hold some 60 million cubic metres of water for irrigation, industry and domestic purposes. Khalaf said that the current projects are expected to cost JD 40 milbon.

"At present, the King Talal Dam, the Wadi Al Arab Dam and the Sharhabil Dam together hold 65 million cubic metres of water, of which 40 million are expected to be used for irrigation during the Coming snmmer," Khalaf pointed out.

Referring to work on the Khalaf said that the ministry Wahdeb Dam on the Yarmouk was going ahead with work on a River near the border with Syria, for farming.

still underway with various world tinancial institutions to ensure funds for the expected JD 200 million project.

Once completed, the Wahdeh Dam is expected to hold back 250 million cubic metres of water of which 50 million can be used for domestic purposes and 75 million for farming annually.

The minister said other options were available like searching further for underground water resources or importing water from other countries, a process that could become necessary in

view of the increasing population.
"The Ministry of Water and Irrigation is maintaining close cooperation with the Ministry of Health 10 control the quality of water in the dams and to reduce the level of contamination in the waters of the Zarqa River," Khalat said.

He said that treated wastewater in the Zarqa River where' waste is dumped by factories along its banks can be used for irrigation only. But he said that close monitoring of the water revealed that some factories dump waste in the river or do not follow proper treatment procedures and make water unfit even

The opening session was

director visits Amman AMMAN (J.T.) - Director- cration between France and the general of the Arab World Insti- Arab World, especially in science and technology. tute (Institut du monde Arabe)

which is based in Paris will address a press conference here an information centre, an audio-Monday to outline the institute's visual section and a permanent various cultural activities and hall for displaying works of art as well as a data bank for informa-Edgard Pisani, who is currently tion about cultural activities in on a visit to Jordan, will give the Arab World and France. details about the work of the

The institute is governed by a board of trustees representing all Arab countries and France. Its

rent economic difficulties.

According to Yasser Abdul

Saoud, the federation chairman,

delegates from eight Arab coun-

tries and organisations will dis-

cuss amendments to the federa-

tion's statutes, conduct an assess-

ment of the federation's program-

mes, activities and training of

personnel employed in the tour-

Abdul Saoud said the delegates

will decide on seminars and ex-

hibitions designed to market the

and will discuss investments in

ings came from North Yemen,

Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Sndan.

Tunisia, Syria and Jordan as well

as representatives of the CAEU,

the Arab Air Carriers Organisa-

Arab World's tourist attractions

Delegates attending the meet-

ism industry

#### Tourism is an important source for national income — Kabariti

**Arab World Institute** 

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan said that joint efforts in the tour-Saturday called on tourist officers ism industry can belp alleviate in the Arab World to act towards many of the Arab countries' curcreating a united regional tourism zone and to adopt a unified, integrated tourist strategy that can best serve the Arab World's

institute which was established in

between the Arab World and

France.

"Tourism is of paramount importance to the Arab World and is regarded as one of the main sources for Arab national income," Minister of Tourism Abdul Karim Al Kabariti said upon opening a three-day meeting by the Federation of Arab Tourist Offices in Amman.

Jordan, he said, calls on all lourist and travel offices in the Arab countries to act for complementing each other's work and the touristic sector. help form such a strategy ibat would benefit the Arab World as a whole.

addressed also by the secretarygeneral of the Amman-based Council of Arab Economic Unity tion and the Arab Hotel Federa-(CAEU) Hassan Ibrahim who tion.

The institute houses a museum,

The institute built new head-February 1980 as a joint project quarters in Paris in 1987; Jordan presented it with a sculpture by . Jordanian artist Mona Sandi.

The 3.5 metre talt sculpture, now erected in the institute's main court, was inspired by aim is to encourage cultural coop- Nabatean carvings.

# Conference on nursing deals with aspects of profession

society," the Queen said.

IRBID (J.T.) - Her Majesty Queen Noor A! Hussein Saturday opened a two-day conference on the image of nursing in the Arab World by calling for the creation of incentives to encourage male and female youths to join the nursing profession.

AMMAN (Petrat — His Majesty King Hussein.

the supreme commander of the Jordanian Armed

Forces, Saturday visited the army headquarters in

Amman and met with army chief of staff Fathi

"We are called on to respond to the challenge of the modern age by making good use of modern science and technolgy and providing care for the society," the Queen said in a key note address at the opening session of the conference beld at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) near here.

"Nursing is bealing for the patients, it is hope and comfort and it is after all a mission which we

"Since the early dawn of Islam, the nursing profession has been deeply respected by the Arab and Islamic societies, but the image of nuising was marred in the modern age, prompting many young men and women to shun this humanitarian and noble profes-

In the last two decades, the Queen said, the Arab World witnessed a major development of the nursing profession and medical care services.

sion." the Oucen added.

'For its part, Jordan's specialists have succeeded in carrying current popular images of nursing out major surgical operations and realised numerous achievements which could not otherwise have of nursing as well as the recruithave inherited from our Islamic been possible without employment of nurses.

ment of modern and advanced technology," the Queen said.

Abu Taleb and seninr staff. Discussion during the

meeting, which was attended by Chief of the

Royal Court Sharif Zeid Ben Sbaker, centred on

issues of concern to the Armed Forces.

At the outset of the meeting JUST President Kamel Ajlouni said that 40 working papers to be reviewed by the delegates tackle various aspects of the nursing profession, its development and the image of nursing in the Arab society.

According to the organisers, the first Middle East conference on face s of nursing said that nearly 200 delegates from Jordan and 10 Arab and foreign countries would examine historical, cross-cultural perspectives and and would explore the role of the mass media in shaping the image

### Panel discusses crime, ways of combatting it video tapes and cameras to gather

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day meeting of heads of departments responsible for combatting criminal activities in the Arab World ended here Saturday and the recommendations are to be submitted to the Arab chiefs of police departments at a meeting in Tunis by the middle of September.

The three-day meeting tackled criminal evidence revealed in laboratories, like forgery, as well as methods of conducting criminal investigations and the use of discussed ways of combatting

By a Jordan Times

Staff Writer

AMMAN -- An. Antitario

Jerusalem" peace march has

been postponed until late

November with a view to "con-

solidating international parti-

cipation and ensuring the com-

plete success" of the event, the

organisers announced

tives for the peace march re-

main the same, and we hope to gather additional international

solidarity with the event by November," said a spokesman

for the organisers, the Amer-

ican-Arab Anti-Discrimination

Committee (ADC) and a

national organising committee.

The spokesman rejected

suggestion that "political con-

siderations" were behind the

decision to postpone the march, originally scheduled to be held June 1-3. "Quite simp-

ly, there is only one factor that

prompted us to postpone the

event," he said. "It is realisa-

tion of the limitations of time

imposed on us in the context of

international participation."

he said. "We already have a

very good list of renowned

celebrities and screen persona-

lities who have indicated their

participation in the march but

we fell it is not enough. Many

others are asking for longer

The new date for the march.

the spokesman said, will be

Nov. 29, on the eve of the

United Nations-declared Inter-

national Day of Solidarity with

the Palestinian People. He said

nothing else was changed in

the "basic framework or ex-

pected numerical strength of

the march." According to car-

lier statements by the organis-

ers, 30,000 to 50,000 people

were expected to take part.

The postponement was

announced two days before a

scheduled march organised by

professional associations in

cooperation with a number of

other local and Arab profes-

sional organisations. The

march has "the right to return"

of the Palestinians as its central

theme. The march will mark

the conclusion of a three-day

conference of Arab profession-

at unions and associations

which began in Amman Satur-

advance notice.

"The concept and our objec-

Saturday.

evidence m criminal investigation, according to Brigadier Hashem Al Qaisi head of the Amman-based Arab Bureau for

Oaisi said the meeting was called for by the Arab ministers of interior who would meet in Bahrain in December to review the resolutions and recommendations of the Arab police chiefs. A total of 16 Arab countries took part in the meeting and

'Peace march' postponed

Office-bearers of the Pales-

tine Peace March said the

ADC or the national organis-

ing committee had no differen-

- ces of opinion with the unions

or other groups, which have in

the past raised opposition to

the June 1-3 event. "It is true

that there were some mis-

understandings as a result of

what appears to have been a

concerted misinformation cam-

paign over the goals and objec-

tives of the march," one offi-

cial said. "However, we have

managed to set the record

straight and clear the atmos-

phere of misunderstandings."

the Jordan Times on condition

of anonymity, blamed what he

described as "Israeli-orches-

trated" plans for the "mis-

understandings." Sources said

the Muslim Brotherhood and

several other fundamentalist

organisations were upset over

reports that the Amman-to-

Jerusalem marchers would be

carrying the star of David and

the Israeli flag. However, the official said, "hoisting the star of David or the Israeli flag was

never part of our plans. Most

definitely, it was a debberate

campaign aimed at inciting

popular sentiments in Jordan

and raising doubts about the

motivations of the organisers

The sookesman for the orga-

uisers meanwhile reaffirmed

that the objectives of the peace

- Lending support for the intifada of the Palestinian pe-

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The official, who spoke to

drug trafficking. "They reviewed the implementation of earlier resolutions taken by Arab ministers of interior at a Tunis meeting in 1988," Qaisi said, Public Security Department

(PSD) Director Fadel Ali told the meeting at the opening session that the Arab World is in need of a comprehensive strategy to deal with the increasing crime rate in the Arab World. He said the security of the Arab World is an integrated one and therefore efforts should be pooled together,

The Israeli army's chief of

staff, Dan Shomron, said late

last month that the

occupation authorities would

not-allow-the Balestine Peace

March to cross the river Jordan

and would not permit a parallel

march of Palestinians and

Israeli peace activists to the

bridge to join the rally from

A few days later, a firebomb

was hurled at the entrance of

the building which houses the

offices of the Palestine Peace

March. The firebomb did not

cause any damage. A shadowy

underground group, citing dis-

satisfaction with the march,

claimed responsibility for the

attack telephone calls to West-

ern news agencies, reaffirming

political observers' interpreta-

tion that the opposition to the

march was a reflection of dif-

fernces in the fundamental

moderate and hardline

approaches to peace with

However, the organisers of

the peace march argued that

they were not even sure

whether the attack was aimed

at them, and pointed out that

"only Israel could be the be-

neficiary" by undermining the

"expression of the Arab and

international will and desire

for just and comprehensive

peace in the Middle East based

on the legitimate human and

political rights of the Palesti-

The announcement of the

postponement of the march

was made after three days of

intense deliberations involving

the ADC, the national organis-

ing committee, and leading

Jordanian and Palestinian per-

sonalities, according to in-

formed sources. The sources

said that ADC Chairman

James Abonrezk, a former

member of the American Sen-

atc, and ADC President

Abdeen Jabara had flown in

from Washington, D.C., to

Some volunteers working for

the march expressed regret

over the postponement since

"preparations were at an adv-

anced state." However, said one them, "We are looking

forward to an event in Novem-

ber which will be much larger

in scope and will have almost

unanimous international sup-

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nian people."

**RJ** council meets, reviews airline policy AMMAN (Petra) - An advisory outside world," Abu Hassan said.

council to the Royal Jordanian (RJ), the national airline, opened a two-day meeting here Saturday to review the airline's development in air transport and services.

The meeting will review matters related to tourism, cooperation with Jordan's partners in the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), maintenance of aircraft and training programmes.

was RJ's chairman, Khaldoun Abu Hassan, who said that RJ had been gearing its programmes over the past two years to adjust to the economie crisis that faced the Kingdom and to contribute to the implementation of the econo-

mle restructuring programme. profits, the national airline is also intent on employing its services to bridge between Jordan and the and Lebanon.

He said RJ planes will continue to help Jordan export its products and boost the country's tourism industry. Another speaker at the meeting

was RJ's Chief Executive Officer Husam Abu Ghazaleb wbo referred to the airline's new strategy which required restructuring of financial conditions and reorganisation of financing operations.

"The new strategy is being Addressing the opening session adopted vis-a-vis the emergence of a united Europe in 1992, and tion in air transport with neighbouring Arab states," Abu Gha-

The conncil, whose honorary chairman is His Majesty King "Apart from aiming to make Hussein, comprises prominent personalities from Jordan, the United Kingdom, the United attract tourists and to build a States, Austria, Sweden, Brazil

#### Soviet envoy assails Israel's settlement, inhuman policies

AMMAN (Petra) — A senior Soviet diplomat revealed here Saturday that his country was now studying a request by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to allow Soviet Jewish emigrants to retain their Soviet passport upon leaving the Soviet Union so that they can return any time in the future.

The Soviet praesidium is currently considering this request and looking into the possibility so that all emigrants from the USSR, including Jews, can return to the Soviet Union," according to Igor Andropov, roving Soviet ambassador who arrived in Jordan Friday on a two-day visit and talks with Jordanian officials.

Andropov also revealed that PLO have both contacted Jewisb warn against the grave consequences resulting from settling in the occupied Arab territories in Palestine, and to make it clear ies constituted a flagrant violation mate rights and was an infringe- the secondment.

Qasem to join AMF

policy of settling the Soviet Jews Arab lands.

Andropov condemned Israel's the immigrants from settling an

ment of international laws. AMMAN (J.T.) — Finance Ministry's Secretary-General Abdul Majid Qasem is to be seconded for one year to the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) where he is to serve as the fund's financial advisor on financing Arab trade, according to informed officials at the Ministry of Finance.

Qasem, whose mandate begins June I, 1990, bas been serving in his present post since the early 1980s; be also filled other important positions and represented Jordan at various meetings of the International Monerary Fund, the Arab Monetary Fund and the Islamic Development Bank. In 1989 the AMF established a

the Soviet government and the special programme to finance Arab countries' trade with other communities in the USSR to nations with a view to promoting Arab economies.

The programme started off with a \$500 million but, according to informed officials, the capital that settlement in those territor- will increase to \$100 million annually. According to the offiof the Palestinian people's legiti- cials, the Cabinet has approved

## towards ber 18-year-old brother.

#### King congratulates Haitian president

King Hussein Saturday sent a cable to the Haitian president in which be congratulated ber in bis name and on behalf of the Jordanian people on ber assumption of office as president. The King wished her good lnck in leading the country to a prosperous fu-

#### Queen to visit U.S.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor will leave Amman Sunday on a working visit to the U.S. upon the invitation of several universities to attend their commencement exercises, during which she will receive an bonorary doctorate of humane letters and another doctorate of laws.

#### Former deputy dies

reaved family.

## UNRWA has no plans to reduce services in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) - The United Nations Relief and Works Agen- nian government for its continued operations and its relief work to cy (UNRWA) bas no intention of cooperation with UNRWA, espereducing the level of its services to the Palestinian refugees living in Jordan, neither does it intend to cancel any of its programmes, the agency's Commissioner-General Giorgio Giacomelli ann-

onced bere Saturday. "UNRWA, in fact, tional and bealth services, "the Marwan Al Qasem.

cially for its consistent endeavours to help the agency overcome its budget deficits and to ensure continued services to the

Israeli occupation authorities' said.

Giacomelli thanked the Jorda- practices that impede UNRWA's the refugees of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. For his part, Qasem voiced the

Jordanian government's sympathy with UNRWA in the face of the numerous difficulties, and He reviewed with Qasem the underlined the Important bumadifficulties the agency encoun- nitarian role the agency is playtered in raising funds to finance ing. "UNRWA should strive to improve the quality of its educa- its operations and mentioned the maintain its urgent services to the obstacles the agency strives to refugees until a just and durable commissioner-general said at a overcome and the hardships its solution has been found for the meeting with Deputy Prime staff are facing in the occupied Palestine problem to end the Minister and Foreign Minister Arab territories as a result of ordeal of the refugees. Qasem

# Man shoots family

ZARQA (J.T.) — A man from his mother-in-law and his two Zarqa identified by police as 35 year old B.A.F. killed bis 23 vear-old wife and four other treated in hospital. members of the family following a beated debate, according to reports in the local press Saturday.

The man was said to have fired point blank at his wife after a quarrel and then turned bis gun

All sustained wounds and are tigations.

The report said that police apprehended the man and are holding investigations.

Another report said that a housewife set fire to her own house in Zarqa following a heated dispute with her busband. Names were withheld by police ket place.

who rushed fire engines to the scene and are still bolding inves-

Another report said a man killed his own son who was always causing trouble to the family.

The report said the man used a revolver to shoot his 20-year-old son in Um Al Summaq district; the crime occurred near the mar-

#### NATIONAL BRIEFS

# AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty

AMMAN (Petra) - Former member of the Lower House of Parliament Aati Abdul Izz died Friday and was buried in his hometown of Aqaba. Minister of Tourism Abdul Karim Al Kabariti, who attended the funeral, conveyed Prime Minister Mudar Badran's condolences to the be-

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#### Intifada Victims: With Your Help, They Can Lead Normal Lives! 2:----16-year old Jaleel,



After two years of the initfada, over 825 Palestinians have been killed by army troops and senters in the Occupied Territories. Often overlooked, however, are the 80,000 people who have been shot, beaten and tortured, BUT HAVE SURVIVED.

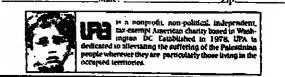
These people, many of them children, organity need medical rehabilitation. If not treated promptly, many of them will become

permanently handicapped. UPA is working with local medical organizations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to provide essential services for Intifada victims. With your support, many of these victims may again live normal

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

#### EXHIBITIONS

- Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by five Jordanian artists at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Plastic art exhibition by Abir Abn Juden, Sansa Al Bourini and Hadil Bassam at Yarmouk University.
   Exhibition of paintings depicting national heritage, nature and the Arab woman by Laffa Al Shawwa at Jordan National Gallery.

- John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem). Book exhibition at Mu'ta University.
- Exhibition of original aerial photos by Jane Tailor at hotel Jordan Intercontinental (all photos are for sale in aid of the St.

\* Art exhibition by George Sarkis Kaplanian at the Goethe

Art exhibition by liham Al Turk at the Royal Cultural Centre.

rights in their homeland.

He called on the international

community to stand by the Arab

countries' endeavours to prevent

discuss cooperation in economic, security and political fields.

in the occupied Arab lands as a Andropov also denounced the flagrant violation of all internainhuman Israeli practices against tional laws and a violation of the the Arab population of Palestine Palestinian people's legitimate

and called on the international community to intervene and put an end to Israel's atrocities against the defenceless citizens. According to Andropov, his current tour, which also includes Syria, Egypt and Morocco, was

part of a drive to prepare for a European security and cooperation conference on the Mediterranean zone which is due to be held in September. He said the conference, which will be beld in Spain, is expected to be attended by 35 Arab and European countries to

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## If there is a will there is a way

THE CALL by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for a face-to-face meeting with his Iranian counterpart, Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, is the most clear manifestation yet of Iraq's quest for a just and comprehensive peace with Iran after eight years of war and almost two years of a no-war-no-peace situation. No doubt, the Iraqi proposal also represents the will and desire of the Arab World at large not only for good neighbourly relations between the two countries but also for a united Arab-Islamic stand to confront the challenges and dangers inherent in the onslaughts mounted by Israel and foreign powers against the interests of Arabs and Muslims.

For one thing, it should be very clear to the Iranians that any renewed pursuit of military means to resolve their conflict with Iraq would simply be fruitless except in incurring further untold losses on both sides. They would be wiser to accept the reality that the price to pay in any renewed hostility will be very high indeed. The truth also stares the Iranians in the face. Eeeping the Iraqis engaged on their eastern flank will only encourage further Israeli aggression from the west, the dangers of which will not be

limited to the Arabs,

While it is not clear how the Iranian leadership, with its varying components of moderation and hardline, views the iragi proposal, there are positive indications that at least some elements in the Tehran hierarchy favour the concept of direct talks between the two leaders. However, very studiously appeared to have been overlooked by the Iranians is the very basic rule that if there is a will there is a way. Quite simply, if both sides are genuinely interested in arriving at a peace settlement that is fair and just to all parties concerned and which can restore the mech-yearned for peace in the eastern flank of the Arab World, then there should not be any procedural wrangles over how to go about arriving at a fundamental formula to govern Iraqi-Iranian relations. True enough, the wounds inflicted on both sides in the eight years of bloody war are indeed deep and would take time to heal, but an awareness of the pressing need for peace in the region should be allowed to supercede all other considerations.

What gives us reason to hope for renewed, realistic peace talks between Iran and Iraq is of course the new Soviet initiative to revive its offer to mediate the dispute. No donbt, the fact that the Soviet leadership under Mikhail Gorbachev, preoccupied as it is with internal problems, found it fit to retable its offer to host an Iraqi-Iranian meeting in Moscow at this point in time reflects the Kremlin's understanding of the existing windows for peace between the two Gulf neighbours. We sincerely hope that the spirit of understanding will prevail on both sides and eventually lead to a situation where a united Arab-Islamic strategy would emerge and challenge Western and Israeli designs and plots in the Middle East.

#### Jordan Press Editorials

IT is difficult for the Arab masses to undestand the objection on the part of certain Arab circles convening an Arab summit in Baghdad and it is hard to see why certain Arab states refrain from attending such an important gathering of heads of state. said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Saturday. The paper said Iraq had never failed to come to the aid of any Arab country in the face of an external threat and, therefore this Arab country which has been exposed to hostile campaigns from Israel and the West, and is still facing the prospect of aggression, deserves total support from all Arabs. at least in the form of agreeine to meet in Baghdad as a show of solidarity with the Iraqi people. Nobody denies that Damascus has had its role in pan-Arab struggle in the face of Israel and its allies; but it is hard for Arab masses to see Damascus refusing a chance to rally the Arabs and to unite their efforts against the common enemy, the paper continued. The past differences between Baghdad and Damascus are looked on by the Arab masses as a passing cloud that should never darken the pan-Arab atmosphere at this critical moment, said the paper.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily strongly criticises the Arab media including the information services in Jordan for propagating what he describes Washington's lies and false statements. Tareq Masarweh says that Arab media bave ocen relaying United States administration statements claiming that Washington opposes Israel's settlement of Jewish immigrants in occupied Arab lands and opposes Israel's seizure of the Christian buildings in the holy city of Jerusalem. The Arab media should realise after all these years of experience, that Israel and the United States are one united enemy of the Arab World; and that, thanks to a U.S. Soviet agreement concluded in 1983, Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union are flooding the occupied Arab territories. the writer notes. It is American money and American weapons and American economic assistance over the past four decades that allowed the Jewish state to maintain its occupation of Arab land and absorb further immigrants. Masarweh continues. All that Washington says and is being propagated by the Arab media is lies that are being peddled in the Arab World for the sake of cooling the rage of the Arab people over the U.S.-Israeli conspiracies, says the writer.

Al Dustour Arabic daily on Saturday echoes King Hussein's statements published in a Bahraini newspaper in which he emphasises the need for convening the Arab summit in Baghdad. The paper refers to the Jewish immigration into Palestine and Israel's continued inhuman practices against the Arab people of Palestine as the main reasons for the Arabs to meet as the King pointed out in his statements.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Jordan, IMF agree on new letter of intent

LAST month representatives of the IMF and the Jordanian government reached an agreement on a draft of a new letter of intent that sets forth the main lines of the economic and financial policies that the government will follow in 1990 and 1991. The agreed course of action and the conclusion of the letter will anable Jordan to utilise another trench of the IMF and World bank loan, amounting to around \$45 million, and will pave the way for the rescheduling of Jordan's debts including interest which will fall due during the coming 20 months through London

The IMF showed a degree of flexibility due to the impressive performance in the first year

ment programme which was adopted in April 1989.

The IMF evaluation of Jordan's economic performance revealed that the deficit in the budget was reduced, the balance of payments improved, the reserves of the Central Bank grew, the national exports increased, foreign imports decreased, and the exchange rate of the dinar stabilised. In fact the actual performance was even better than the projections in all the above areas. The main objectives that were not fully achieved were: the volume of remittance from Jordanian expatriates which did not exceed two thirds of the target, the inflation rate

which exceeded expectations,

mained high, and new investments which were too slow.

The contents of the new letter of intent were not made public yet. It is understood, however, that the council of ministers approved it at the joint recommendation of the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank. The minister of finance has been authorised to issue and sign the letter. The IMF board of directors is expected to look into the letter shortly, but its approval is taken for granted.

The letter of intent also aimsat a further reduction in the deficit of the budget, and in the current account, the lowering of inflation rate to 10 per cent. in 1990 and to 7 per cent in

1991 against 26 per cent in 1989, stricter monetary policy to counter inflation, maintain and protect the exchange rate of the dinar, and reduce aggregate demand on consumption.

The letter expects the gross domestic product to grow in 1990 at 2.5 per cent in real terms, which is still lower than the natural population growth of 3.8 per cent; thus the per capita income and consequently the standard of living, will continue to fall for the coming eight years.

Two measures in the new letter of intent stand out: First the reform of custom duty and second the phasing out of subsidies. Imports will be charged a minimum of 5 per cent and a maximum of 60 per cent, down

years we are to expect more of

these onslaughts aimed at un-

doing that which we have

achieved over the past three years

in the way of understanding,

On the internal level, we must

realise the changing realities of

our time and prepare ourselves to

adapt and play an effective role in

The most important develop-

ments of the last decade of this

century and the early decades of

the next are three interrelated

and interconnected revolutions:

technological revolution.

- The advanced scientific and

their evolution.

cooperation and solidarity.

to a 50 per cent ceiling at a later stage. The government can make up for the reduced import duty by imposing a conport duty, will be applicable to domestic production as well as foreign imports.

Jordanian industry will have to survive under a protection not exceeding 60 per cent, which is intended to make industry more efficient. The consumption subsidies were found to cost around JD 110 million a year, way above the JD 60 million allocated in the budget of 1990. This threatens to frustrate the economic adjustment, over and above the distortion resulting from waste, over-consumption and smuggling the

IMF representatives showed understanding of the government view concerning the difficulty of abolishing subsidies on basic commodities and agricultural input. They apparently accepted the principle of reducing these subsidies gradually over several years, provided they are targeted towards low income groups and not acrossthe board. The government is expected to follow a flexible approach to pricing currently subsidised commodities such as sugar, and may use a sort of rationing system to avoid waste and smuggling, and to exclude

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By Dr. Fahed Fanck

# Arab renaissance depends on 'the learned'; foreign powers tried to abort nation's awakening

The following is the full text of the address by **His** Majesty King Hussein at the opening Saturday of "The Conference on Education for the Arab Nation in the Twenty-First Century," organised by the Arab Thought Forum. The King's address was delivered by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Benevolent, Most Merciful

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1 WELCOME you to Jordan, and to this conference where you will be deliberating one of the most important concerns of onr countries and nation, namely education for the Arab Nation in the twenty-first century.

Our future, both as countries and as a nation, in the coming millennium will be determined by the "quantity" and "quality" of what we know. The holy Koran begins with the injunction to "Recite in the name of thy Lord who created everything. He created man from a clot of blood. Recite for thy Lord is most beneficent, who has taught by the pen, taught man that which be knew not.

It is this divine inspiration to the nation's prophet, Mohammad, which united us fourteen hundred years ago and through which we, as a nation, attained power and greatness. The boly command to the Prophet Mohammad to "recite" was the commencement of one of the greatest movement in human history. Ever since, our nation has maintained its glory as it clinched to reason and learning, only to falter when it abandoned the quest for knowledge and science.

Our modern renaissance, which began in the middle of the last century, came about through the rediscovery of the importance of reason and scientitic research, starting with the pioneers of this renaissance, such as Rifa't Al Tahtawi, Ali Muoarak and Khayer Al Deen Al Tunisi, and subsequently by the succeeding generation which included Jamal Al Deen Al Afghani. Mohammad Abdu, Shibli Shmayel. Al Shidyaq, Ibn Badees, Al Thalibi. Ahmed Lutfi and Taha Husayn. The first direct, collective call for Arab unity came from Arab students who were studying modern sciences in Europe, at the first Arab congress which they held in Paris in 1913. It was not a mere coincidence that most of those students were to return to their homeland and quickly assemble around Sharif Hussein to form the vanguard of the Great Arab Revolt of 1916. All the national movements that followed, beginning with the 1919 revolt in Egypt and including the ongoing courageous Palestinian intifada in the occupied territories, have been led by Arabs nurtured on modern science.

However, during the last two centuries, those bright spots in our modern renaissance remained inchoate, fragmented and dispersed. They lacked commuity and cumulativeness, the two necessary requisites for such a renaissance to emerge and bear

Covetous foreign powers were determined to exploit the location and resources of our land and take unfair advantage of our peoples' labour and markets to the verge of enslaving them. Naturally snch powers could not have succeeded in the past and would not succeed in the future unless we were to remain weak and deprived of the power of knowledge and science. Hence the first targets of the covetous foreign quarters were the centres

In the Name of God, Most of science and the nuclei of revival in our countries, starting with Egypt in 1840 and ending with Iraq in 1990, passing through numerous other abortive attempts made at the slightest hint of resurgence in any of our countries. Whenever a notable Arab accomplishment was made, these same covetous foreign powers would rally to circumvent it and contain its results in preparation for aborting it.

Let us recall together quickly what happened in the aftermath of the October 1973 victory to which we all looked as a harbinger of a fresh start for the Arab march towards a just peace and comprehensive development. At that time, our human and other material capabilities would have provided us with the necessary requirements for such peace and development, instead, the Arab World was to witness a decade and a half of fragmentation and intra and inter regional wars of attrition; in Lebanon, Sudan, the Gulf and the Western Sahara, while financial resources were squandered and huge debts accumulated by certain Arab states. Thus an historic opportunity in the life of nations and peoples was lost. Concomitantly. we reached a stage, in the middle of the 1980s, where hostile forces would publicly state their erstwhile, secret plans to divide this or that Arab country and/or annex and swallow this or that

However, the Arab Nanon's will to live and survive reasserted itself during the last years of this decade: The Arab summit conference of accord and concordance was convened in Amman in November 1987; the heroic Palestinian intifada erupted and is still continuing since December 1987: Iraq's victory, in the summer of 1988, in its just war in defence of its national soil and our Arab homeland; the proclamation, towards the end of the same year, of the state of Palestine; the creation of two councils for regional cooperation in the beginning of the year 1989 - the Arab Cooperation Council and the Maghrib Cooperation Council; the serious moves towards the unification of the two parts of Yemen; the moves towards increased democratisation in Algeria. Jordan and Tunisia; and the prospects of solving the Lebanese crisis with the conclusion of the Taif accord late in 1989. In brief, the nation has witnessed a new Arab awakening whose idioms and evolution have been unfolding in a startling and continuous manner, at a time when enormous, dramatic developments were taking place in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, ushering in a new era of internanonal detente.

As has been the case since 1840, the covetous foreign powers were disturbed by the new Arab awakening. Immediately they began hatching schemes to circumvent, contain and eventually abort this awakening. They started directing consecutive and preciptous strikes, the most dangerous and discernible of which are:

 The scheme to effect immigration into Palestine of Soviet Jews in unprecedented large numbers in order to devour what remained of Palestinian territory and uproot and expel the remaining Palestinians. - The threat of conflicts aris-

whose sources originate outside the borders of Arab countries. Ceaseless attempts to sabotage nascent scientific and technological facilities.in Arab countries such as Iraq and Libya.

ing over the waters of Arab rivers

- Feverish campaigns to incite world public opinion, particularly in the West, against Arab leaders and Arab countries as well as the whipping up of the most sordid racial prejudices against Arabs and Muslims; all as a prefude to increased subversion and flagrant aggression against certain Arab

— The democratic revolution. "During the period 1950 to 1990, the number of registered students across the various levels of education leaped from five to fifty million, the number of universities from eight to eighty. Nonetheless, in reality education is still inefficient and insufficient; illiteracy still pervades half the

- Unremitting efforts to

Lebanon. - Economic pressures on indebted Arab countries and the setting of impossible conditions, the acceptance of which would mean both increased dependency and the alienation of governments from the people, and the rejection of which would lead to economic strain and starvation.

- Ceaseless endeavours to sow the seeds of mistrust and doubt among Arab countries and groupings and to abort their efforts towards reconciliation, concord and cooperation.

population in the Arab countries and two thirds of the female population."

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lated revolutions have one common denominator; knowledge and science. The world of the future and the future of the world will be determined by "the learned." Only they will grow and prosper, while "those who do not know" will lag hehind and suffer. That is the lesson the two superpowers learned in the mid-1980's. The report of the American presidential commission "A Nation in Jeopardy" alerted the nation to the grave consequences of laxity in the development of education for the American nation. Similarly, the new thinking in the Soviet Union under the banner of "perestroika" was no less than an endeavour to overcome the scientific and technological slump which had grave political, economic and social implications to Soviet society and the countries of Eastern Europe. World powers, old and modern, in the West or Asia, realised that the spirit of the age and the power of nations can no longer be measured by the size of territory, material resources, armies or arsenals but by the quality of human resources, levels of education and the percentage of creative and inventive individuals in

their labour forces.

Unless we have to prepare our towards bridging and surmounting the technological gap. their labour forces. people to become productive, creative and involved citizens, we will have wasted God's most precious gift to man, that by which he was made unique and superior to all other creatures.

#### Distinguished participants,

The early nineties will be both critical and decisive years for our nation, which must be enabled to power and solidarity, to stand firm in the face of challenges.

Thus educating the Arab Nation is one of the most important challenges of the nineties and the twenty-first century; the future of the nation is dependent on the education of the future, which must embrace ten objectives without which education will remain incomplete, ineffective and distorted. These objectives are:

1. Complementary development of the body, mind and soul.

2. Nurturing belief in God, his prophets and spiritual and human

3. Fostering the exaltation of Arabism, nationhood and the homeland. 4. Instilling the ethics of work, productivity and professionalism. 5. Preparing the individual for the future, equipping him with

flexibility and adaptability. 6. Preparing individuals capable of moulding the future by nurturing and developing creativity and the ability to plan and

7. Developing citizens able to comprehend and exercise their rights and duties, and capable of effective social, civic and political participation.

9. Developing rational, critical and systematic thinking as a way of life towards an individual and collective approach, to dealing with the environment, society and the world.

You will bave noted that these are qualitative, not quantitative objectives. In spite of the fact that illiteracy is still high in some pursue its new grand awakening of our countries, the Arab World that began in the late eighties, as a whole has made good strides and attain the elements of its towards achieving quantitative the period 1950 to 1990, the number of registered students across the various levels of education leaped from five to fifty million, the number of universities from eight to eighty. In international standards, this quantitative growth is quite impressive.

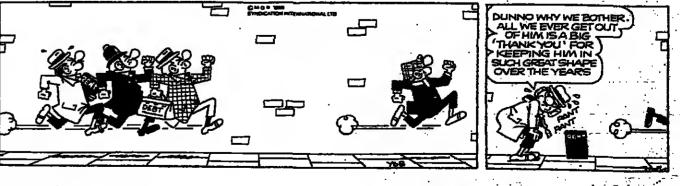
Nevertheless, in reality education is still inefficient and insufficient, whether it be in the Arab World as a whole or in each individual country, for even in quantitative terms, illiteracy still pervades half the population in

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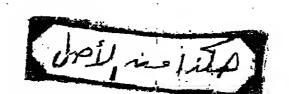


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## LA SEMAINE DE ...

Suleiman Sweiss

Encore... la Palestine

Certainement, c'est le hasard qui a groupé cette semaine deux événements jordano-palestiniens assez significatifs. Vendredi dernicr. a en lieu un grand meeting à Kafar Soum , pres d'Irbid, pour com-mémorer le 70ème anniversaire de la disparition du premier héros jordanien, mort pour la Palestine. C'est la première fois, à ma connaissance, qu'est célébré cet anniversaire.

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Le choix en lui-même est chargé de significations. Les Jordaniens se posent en ce moment beaucoup de questions. Ils se cherchent et.

pour cela, certains sont en train de reconstituer l'histoire du pays et de réhabiliter ses pionniers. Pour les peuples, l'histoire constitue parfois un point de référence et une source de sagesse.

En avril-mai 1920, l'élite jordanienne ainsi qu'une bonne partie de la population ont ressenti le "danger sioniste". Ils ont tenn une réunion à Quom, au nord de la Transjordanie, et ont décidé de lancer une attaque contre les implantations sionistes de Bissan. Lorsque la pression d'une centaine de Jordaniens est devenue forte sur les colons juifs, l'aviation britannique, inédite à l'époque dans la région, est intervenue, poursuivant les combattants jordaniens. Une dizaine d'entre eux ont trouvé la mort, dont un chef local, Cheikh Kayed Musieh Obeidat, du village de Kafar Soum.

Pour les organisateurs de la commémoration d'avanthier, et, au-delà, pour une partie des Jordaniens, K. M. Obeidat reste à la fois le symbole et l'exemple à suivre au moment où l'on parle beaucoup du soutien à l'Intifada en Palestine. C'est aussi une réponse à la politique officielle arabe, caractérisée par l'immobilisme, face à ce qu'elle appalle elle-même les "dangers grandissants", qui résultent de l'immigration massive des juifs soviétiques vers Israël et la Palestine occupée.

Une autre réponse, populaire et plus grande, sera donnée demain lundi. En effet, une grande marche vers le pont Al-Hussein, qui enjambe le Jourdain, va se dérouler, avec la participation escomptée de dizaines de milliers d'Arabes. Son objectif, appuyer le droit au retour des Palestiniens, exprimer le soutien à l'Intifada et appeler à résister à l'immigration des juifs des pays de l'Est, dès lors qu'elle se fait dans les territoires occupés. Cette marche coıncide avec la date anniversaire de la création de l'Etat d'Israel et du retrait des troupes britanniques de Palestine.

Encore et toujours la Palestine. Il apparaît de plus eu pins évident que l'ensemble des initiatives, des plans et des projets politiques, proposés tant par les payx arabes que par les forces d'opposition, ne s'élèvent pas à la hauteur des défis lancés par les Israéliens depuis au moins deux

Même les concessions faites par l'OLP n'ont pas réussi à faire fléchir l'intransigeance israélienne. Cette dernière semble d'ailleurs ne devoir que se renforcer avec les derniers événements survenus en Europe de l'Est.

C'est pourquoi les nations arabes, notamment les pays qui connaissent un début de démocratisation, tendent de plus en plus vers le rapport de force. L'Intifada en Palestine et la puissance militaire de l'Irak sont porteurs d'espoir pour une grande partie des populations arabes. Il ne s'agit plus seulement, à les entendre, de récupérer des droits nationaux ou encore d'effacer les humiliations accumulées au cours des années mais aussi de se défendre.

L'équation fondamentale est simple: on ne parviendra jamais à contenir l'expansionnisme israélien ni à repousser une éventuelle agression, si l'on ne dispose pas de la force, sous toutes ses formes. La semaine dernière, la commission "idéologique" du Parti travailliste israélien a appelé à d'octroi de l'idépendance aux Palestiniens de Cisjordanie et de Gaza». Parallèlement, le maire de Bethléem, pourtant connu pour ses positions modérées, a déclaré que «l'Intifada se poursuivra, même sans soutien arabe».

C'est dire combien la population arabe de la région ressent le besoin de se voir restituer les droits dout elle est frustrée. Le nombre des participants à la "Marche du Retour' de demain lundi nous indiquera partiellement l'ampleur de cette frustration.

Peintures et sculptures au centre des expositions de la Fondation Shoman.

# A la rencontre de cinq jeunes artistes jordaniens

Moscou; études de sculpture à l'Insti-

tut national des Beaux-Arts d'Amman (1986-1987); première exposi-

tion individuelle an centre culturel

espagnol (Amman-1989); nom-

breuses expositions collectives à Am-

Larissa Najjar présente une

dizaine de sculptures, exécutées

dans des grès, des calcaires,

qu'elle se procure principalement

dans le sud du royaume, notam-

ment dans le Wadi Rum. Elle travaille aussi la pierre que l'on

rencontre à Petra dans une

douzaine de couleurs différentes

L'artiste nous présente exclu-

sivement des visages humains,

dans une stylisation moderne. Sa

sculpture consiste dans une masse

polie. La lumière glisse douce-

ment snr les visages. Figures,

dont l'allure reflète une énergie

dirigée vers le ciel, et aux regards

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mystique, mais bien plutôt d'une

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Mardi dernier s'est onverte au centre des expositions de la Fondation Shoman une exposition consacrée à quatre peintres et à une sculptrice jordano-

soviétique (\$\times). De la figuration libre aux œuvres informelles, elle présente quelques une des tendances qui comptent aujourd'hui dans l'art jordanien.

sculptures. Larissa Najjar evolue très rapidement. Espérons qu'elle ne de-

meurera pas prisonnière de la pierre qu'elle emploie aujourd'hui et qu'elle nous offrira dans le futur des œuvres nées dans d'autre matériaux.

Mohammad Samara. Etudes d'art à l'Institut de Beaux-Arts d'Am-man; diplômé de l'Institut d'Amman pour l'enseignement artistique; ex-positions individuelles dans les locaux de l'Union des écrivains jordaniers, au RCC, au centre de la Housing Bank et à la galerie Alia; nombréuses participations à des manifestations

tourner autour de ces belles mad Samara est encore, dans cette nouvelle expérience, sur le Il faut noter que le travail de chemin qui devrait le mener aux résultats qu'il recherche.

> Adnan Yahya. Etudes artistiques à l'Institut des Beaux-Arts d'Amman six expositions personnelles; participations à des manifestations collectives dans plusieurs pays, dont l'Egypte, la Chine et l'Espagne.

Adnan Yahya participe à cette exposition avec une vingtaine de dessins à la peinture à l'eau sur carton. L'intention avouée de l'artiste est de présenter l'Intifada, le soulèvement des Palestiniens dans les territoires occupés. Son travail s'en trouve plus



Dans cette exposition, Mohammad Samara présente une trentaine de dessins et de collages, exécutés sur carton. Cet artiste ne cesse d'évoluer. Ici, il nous propose le fruit d'une technique nouvelle, qui, malheureusement,

proche de l'illustration que de la peinture. Il confine même, pour être encore plus précis, à l'art des affiches de cinéma.

Cepetidatit, même dans ce cadre. Adnan Yahya a chargé ses œuvres de trop de signes, oubliant la composition et les couleurs. L'importance première qu'il semble accorder à l'aspect littéraire" de ses dessits, attachement sincère au demeurant, est sans nul doute à



Adnen Yahya.

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Ghada Dahdaleh. Diplômée en arts plastiques et en sculpture de l'Ecole Centrale des Beaux-Aris de Toronto (Canada); première exposition individuelle à la galerie Petra (Amman-1986); deuxième exposition en solo dans les mêmes lieux en 1988; nombreuses participations à des manifestations collectives en Jordanie et

A la Fondation Shoman, Ghada Dahdaleh présente 27 dessins, exécutés à l'aide de matériaux variés sur carton, Ghada travaille selon un procédé mixte de gravure, complétée par le dessin à main levée, pour aboutir à un résultat chaque fois unique.

Nous sommes devant une œuvre de toute nouveauté, en comparaison avec la peinture pratiquée et connue en Jordanie. L'artiste nous attire vers son monde particulier par un rythme vigoureux, des lignes et des couleurs qui éveillent nos sensentions et suscitent nos idées.

Chez elle, c'est le désir de constituer un fait pictural qui s'avère le plus important. Son œuvre se distingue par l'énergie que dégagent des couleurs ternes alliées à des formes solides, vibrantes de dynamisme. Rectang-les, carrés, arcs et diagonales: tels, sont les outils d'expression de l'artiste. Mais jamais de formes l'artiste. Mais jamais de formes ··

Ce que dessine Ghada ressemble certes à des portes et des fenêtres, mais son intention n'est pas d'évoquer leurs formes. Il s'agit plutôt de susciter ce qu'elles enveloppent de secrets, de sensations et de significations. Elle ajoute ensuite des lignes diagonales, qui donnent une impulsion et un mouvement à ces portes et ces fenêtres. Pour terminer, elle entonre l'ensemble d'un cadre le plus souvent omementé, qui préserve toutes les forces au cœur de ses tableaux.

C'est pourquoi, nous sommesattirés par un "foyer" central. Un foyer, que la composition installe souvent au milieu du dessin. L'artiste nous ouvre ainsi une fenètre sur un ensemble harmonieux d'événements, suscitant en nous des "vues" intérieures émouvantes.

Il n'est guère aisé d'englober toute l'œuvre de Ghada. Dahdaleb. Cet essai est en tout cas prometteur et mérite le re-

Larissa Najjar. Licence en esthé- ces apparences masquées, qui ment travaillés, où se profile nne tique de la faculté de philosophie de . nous donne envie d'être là et de tendance sculpturale. Moham-

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On remarque notamment que dant à des considérations d'ordre l'artiste ne fixe d'intention préplastique. En les contemplant nous prend l'envie de les toucher, cise ni à la composition ni à l'équilibre de son travail. Un malgré la sensation rugueuse que la matière peut produire. C'est la tràvail sans doute attirant, par la couleur douce qui s'en dégage et par une belle harmonie. Mais résultante des sentiments qu'ils inspirent, qui nous mettent en rapport direct et intime avec eux. nous ne décelons pas de composi-On ressent tout autant une tion solide, ni de formes équiliblutte entre matière et esprit qui rées. En clair, les ontils d'expression qu'il utilise, telles les portes, en émane, ainsi qu'une métaphyles fenètres, les planches de bois, sique, qui ne relève pas de la

> plastique. Il y a cependant dans cette exposition plusieurs dessins finement travaillés, où se profile nne

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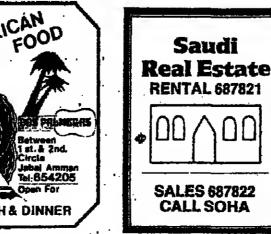
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Coup de feu. Un porte-parole du palais royal jordanien a confirmé mercredi à Amman que la marine israélienne a ouvert le feu le 27 avril dernier dans le golfe d'Aqaba contre le vacht du roi Hussein. «Le roi se trouvait sur le pont lorsqu'il a repéré une vedette israélienne qui s'approchait et qui a tiré des roquettes d'un canon de 20 mm en sa direction, à une distance d'un demi-mille», a-t-il affirmé. Les Etats-Unis ont protesté contre l'incident le 4 mai auprès de l'Etat hébreu par l'intermédiaire du porte-parole du département d'Etat. qui a exprimé à Tel Aviv «la profonde inquiétude» de Washington. Les responsables de Tsahai ont affirmé dimanche qu'il s'agissait de «ttirs d'essai (...) en aucune façon dirigés contre le yacht du souverain hachémite». Le commandement de la marine israélienne a cependant interdit à ces vedettes de procéder désormais à des exercices de tirs au passage de bateaux dans le golfe.

Oléoduc. Un accord, récemment signé entre le royaume hachémite et Bagdad, prévoit l'acheminement par oléoduc du pétrole irakien en Jordanie, a-t-on appris cette semaine à Amman. Le coût de la liaison a été estimé à 2 millions de dollars. Elle devrait permettre à la Jordanie, qui importe annuellement d'Irak 18 millions de barils de pétrole (soit 80% de ses besoins), d'économiser près de 50 millions de dollars de frais de transports par an.

Institut du Monde Arabe. En tournée dans la région, le président de l'Institut du Monde Arabe de Paris (IMA), Edgar Pisani, est attendu à Amman, en ce début de semaine. M. Pisani, qui s'est successivement rendu aux Emirats Arabes Unis, à Qatar, à Bahrein puis au Koweit, a entrepris des consultations avec les responsables des pays de la région sur les activités de l'IMA et les projets de coopération avec les pays arabes. Le président de l'Institut du Monde Arabe doit tenir une conférence de presse à

Sommet extraordinaire. Dix-huit des 22 membres de la Ligue arabe (21 Etats et l'OLP) ont répondu favorablement à la proposition irakienne de reunir le sommet arabe extraordinaire souhaité par l'OLP le 28 mai à Bagdad. Le chef de la diplomane irakienne, Tareq Aziz, a précisé jeudi que son pays a également proposé «une reunion préparatoire les 22 et 23 mai au niveau des ministres des Affaires étrangères, conformément au vœu de certains [pays] frères». Malgré les réticences de la Syrie quant au choix de Bagdad pour la convocation du sommet, le président égyptien Hosni Moubarak s'est dit sûr de cette date, jeudi à Mascate.

Pas concernée. L'OLP n'est pas concernée par les deux marches pour la paix organisées depuis Amman demain lundi et le 1er juin prochain en direction des territoires occupés. Le général Abdel Razzak al-Yahya, membre du Comité exécutif de la centrale palestinienne (CEOLP) a souligné le week-end dernier qu'il «n'existe aucun lien entre l'OLP [et les deux événements]», précisant que «les mesures concernant l'organisation et le financement de ces deux marches, ainsi que les préparatifs, ont été décidés sans la participanon de l'OLP». Par ailleurs, Yasser Arafat ne devrait pas prendre part à la marche du 1er juin, contrairement à l'annonce récemment

Démenti, Le représentant de l'OLP à Amman, M. al-Tayeb Abdel Rahim, a démenti mardi l'information selon laquelle Yasser Arafat aurait décidé d'envoyer en Irak 2.500 combattants palestiniens basés en Jordanie afin de défendre ce pays «contre une possible attaque israélienne». M. Abdel Rahim, ambassadeur de Palestine en Jordanie, a affirmé que «cette nouvelle est dénuée de tout fonde-

A droite. Le premier ministre du gouvernement israélien de transition, Yitzhak Shamir, devrait présenter dans les jours qui viennent un cabinet dirigé par le Likoud (droite nationaliste) soutenu par l'extrême-droite, après de vaines tentatives pour former un d'union nationale avec le Parti travailliste. M. Shamir dispose de moins d'une semaine pour mobiliser une majorité parlementaire, conformément au mandat de 21 jours que lui a confié le président Haim Herzog. Il dispose actuellement de l'appui de 61 députés sur 120, dont 7 appartiennent à des formations extrémistes et 14 aux partis religieux. Les travaillistes, pour leur part, sont entrés dans une crise ouverte entre leur leader, Shimon Peres, et le numéro deux du mouvement, Yitzhak Rabin, favorable à la démission du premier.

Achat. Iraqi Airways a décidé la semaine dernière d'acheter 5 avions de ligne Airbus A-310-300 au consortium européen. Le montant global de cette transaction s'élève à 500 millions de dollars. Les appareils, chacun d'une capacité de 250 passagers, doivent être livrés à l'Irak au début de 1992.

CEE-Iran. Une réunion de hauts fonctionnaires de la CEE et iraniens se riendra la semaine prochaine à Dublin, avec pour objectif d'améborer les relations entre les "Douze" et Téhéran. Y participeront des représentants de l'Irlande (actuelle présidente de la Communauté européenne), la France et l'Italie (précédente et prochaine présidentes). Convoqué à la demande de l'Iran, ce mini-sommet devrait permettre d'évoquer le sort des otages occidentaux au Liban ainsi que la condamnation à mort prononcée en février 1989 par l'ayatollah Khomeiny contre l'écrivain britannique Salman Rusbdie.

France-apartheid. Les présidents français et sud-africain se sont entretenus pendant une heure jeudi à l'Elysée. François Mitterrand a affirmé à Frederik de Klerk que «la France ne demande qu'à accompagher l'évolution [en Afrique du Sud], qu'elle souhaite aussi rapide que possible, vers une situation de droit. M. Mitterrand a par ailleurs indiqué avoir «pris note» du désir de son hôte de voir levées les sanctions économiques en vigueur contre son pays. Cette question, a-t-il ajouté, sera abordée par le sommet de la CEE prévu à Dublin les 25 et 26 juin. Le premier ministre français, Michel Rocard, qui s'est également entretenu jeudi avec M. de Klerk, lui a demandé «le démantèlement de l'apartheid et la levée de l'Etat d'urgence en Afrique du Sud.

Libres. Les trois otages français, encore détenus après leur enlèvement le 27 avril dernier par des rebelles cabindais en territoire angolais, ont été libérés, a annoncé Paris jeudi. Le Front de libération de l'enclave du Cabinda avait intercepté 4 Français travaillant pour la compagnie Elf-Congo à la fin du mois dernier. L'un d'eux, Jean-Claude Soum, avait été libéré mardi au Zaïre.

Sécheresse. Prendre des douches à deux, ne passer que 30 secondes dessous: les conseils d'économie d'eau prodigués aux Français sont à la mesure de l'inquiétude des autorités devant la sécheresse qui sévit pratiquement sans discontinuer depuis juin 1989 dans le sud du pays et qui remonte peu à peu vers le nord. Actuellement, elle s'étend au sud d'une ligne Bordeaux-Grenoble, où les pluies ont été limitées à 25% des normales saisonnières au cours du dernier semestre. Selon les spécialistes français, les villes ne devraient pas souffrir de manque d'eau mais de sérieuses pénuries pourraient rapidement affecter les zones rurales.

Cannes. Le 43ème festival international du film de Cannes (sud de la France) s'est ouvert jeudi soir avec la projection du dernier film d'Akira Kurosawa "Réves", présenté hors compétition. Une centaine de vedettes du grand écran, dont Clint Eastwood, Lauren Bacal, Antony Quinn, Annie Girardot, Monica Vitti et Lambert Wilson ont assisté à l'inauguration du festival, ainsi que les membres du jury officel, présidé par le cinéaste italien Bernardo Bertolucci.

Equipe commune. Les ministres chargés des sports des deux Etats allemands se sout protoncés mardi en faveur de la participation d'équipes communes aux Jeux Olympiques de 1992. La décision finale appartient cependant aux comités olympiques d'Albertville (jeux d'hiver) et de Barcelone (jeux d'été) et non aux gouvernements. Les deux ministres allemands ont par ailleurs annoncé qu'ils sontiendraient ensemble la candidature de Berlin aux J.O. de l'an

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La France s'est réveillée jeudi dans un climat de sacisme plus inquiétant que jamais. La profanation Muvage d'un cimetière juif de Carpentras (sud du pays) a Provoqué le sursaut de l'ensemble de la classe politique, à **Pexception de l'extrême-droite.** 

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Vallée du souvenir

Un couple de grands amis jordaniens m'a invitée à les

rejoindre aux Thermes de Zarqa Ma'in. Je suis donc partie

et dès que j'ai quitté Madaba, une foule de souvenirs

poignants m'a pénétrée et j'ai donc confié à la voiture la

tache de me conduire. Je me suis laissée glisser sur le ruban

gris de la route que je sentais comme une brèche qui se

serait ouverte dans mon subconscient pour me permettre

de pénétrer, encore une fois, dans l'antre de la Pythie, à la

. Je savais que ce lieu, pour moi sacré, avait été profané

par des constructions d'hommes. Toutefois, mon désir de

revoir cet endroit a eu le dessus, aidé aussi par le fait que

les amis qui m'attendaient étaient de ces êtres comme on

n'en rencontre que très rarement. Lui, au regard aussi

incroyablement bleu que les fleurs de l'épervière; elle, avec

ce visage étonnant, qui vous dit qu'elle a beaucoup vu,

compris, aimé et qui conserve encore l'enthousiasme, la

frascheur de l'âme et l'innocence d'une toute jeune fille. Le

respec que je porte depuis toujours à leur intégrité morale

J'avais parcouru cette route tant de fois, à pied, avec

mon père, et il me semblait reconnaître chaque pierre,

chaque fissure de la montagne, chaque fil d'herbe et le bleu

de ces fleurs que mangent les éperviers, dit-on, pour avoir

une vue plus aiguē. Suivant le fil des crêtes sinueuses des

montagnes qui dominent la Mer Morte, on arrive à la

confrontation subite et quelque peu intimidatrice avec la

montagne noire, sentinelle qui surveille l'entrée de ce lieu

magique et qui vous accompagne jusqu'au fond de la

J'y ai trouvé, finalement, une petite Mosquée charmante

dans son extrême simplicité, tel un ermitage accroché au

rocher, et l'hôtel, en vérité très massif, qui obstrue en

quelque sorte toute la vallée. Dommage qu'il n'ait pas été

construit pour épouser la montagne et s'y cacher, respec-

tueux des arcanes du lieu. On est donc porté à vivre une

double réalité: l'une donnée par l'hôtel, qui, du reste, est

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simple. Aidé par l'environnement, on peut certainement

s'y soigner corps et âme et il représente une magnifique

entreprise qui mérite le plus grand succès. L'autre réalité,

particulière au lieu, vous saisit et vous plonge dans une

de la vallée, est que son côté droit, blond et "rondoyant".

fasse jaillir son eau bouillante comme pour tenir loin la

montagne d'en face et démontrer, par sa couleur et ses

formes, qu'il n'à rien à voir avec elle. C'est la synthèse des

contraires, le Yin et le Yang, la nuit et le jour, qui ne

peuvent pas exister l'une sans l'autre, tout en se contrastant

éternellement. Une fois entré dans l'hôtel, on peut

l'oublier en se penchant sur une des nombreuses terrasses

qui l'entourent, pour être immédiatement confronté à cette

nature imposante et suggestive. La montagne, alors, se

laisse lire et des visages en jaillissent, venant de très loin

dans le temps, visages douloureux, qui racontent des

histoires grandioses et làches, sublimes et infimes, comme

toute histoire d'hommes. La grande cascade chante les

légendes de ces prisonniers de la pierre avec une musique

puissante, répétitive et envoûtante. La Pythie habite

encore la montagne, enfuie au plus profond de son antre,

tiont l'accès est protégé par la grande cascade: elle attend

que les hommes se ravisent et reviennent à la foi, à

Un matin tôt, je me tenais à l'extrême pointe de l'hôtel,

quand j'ai senti derrière moi la force bénéfique d'une prière. L'Amie était debout sur une terrasse haute et se

détachait contre le ciel lointain dans toute sa fragilité,

comme si la grandeur de son cœur, par excès de force,

devait se nourrir aussi de la sève de son corps. Il se dégageait d'elle une telle puissance d'amour, que j'ai eu

l'impression que la couche de pierre qui enrobait les

prisonniers de la montagne commençait à fondre, à se dissoudre en grosses larmes de calcaire, pour courir vers la mer qui les aurait purifiées par le soufre et le sel des

J'ai beaucoup hésité avant d'accepter cette excursion, car dans cette vallée au charme mystérieux et bouleversant, mon père, pour la première (et dernière) fois, m'a

PARLE. Des brefs instants dont je garde encore aujourd'hui un souvenir trépidant, ému, important, car ils

m'avaient permis de plonger un regard dans les abimes fumineux de son ame. Cet homme, qui a dédié la vie à soulager les maux des hommes, qui savait que la maladie

est surtout maladie de l'âme et du cœur, trouvait dans la vibration profonde des cordes de son violoncelle la voix

divine qui l'aidait à être homme, parmi les hommes, pour le bien-être des hommes. Le regard vert, aussi vaste qu'un horizon peut l'être parfois, pétillant d'une intelligence

subtile, tout en étant un conteur très agréable et amusant,

qu'on écoutait volontiers, il était plein d'une pudeur qui

Excuse-moi, Egeria, j'ai rêvé à haute voix. Vale!

voulait cacher ses sentiments les plus profonds.

l'amour, à la communion avec la nature.

dimension autre. La première impression que vous aurez

n'a jamais souffert la moindre fêlure.

recherche des racines mêmes de ma conscience.

La rubrique de Flavia Romero

timmes, venues se recueillir sur s tombes de leurs parents disfarus, ont découvert jeudi la prothation de trente quatre sépul-Mires du cimetière juif de Carpentas, nne cité historique du udaïsme français. Comble de Vabomination, elles ont aussi élé Les premières à voir le cadavre Ampalé sur une bampe de paragisant sur une tombe.

Quatre individus, selon la lice, se sont acharnés dans la Muit du 9 au 10 mai sur les sépultures, à coups de barre à line et de pelles, sans signer leur dirbarie. Les réactions à cet acte Santisémitisme sans precédent ## France, ont été unanimes:

Vale Egeria!

vallée.

Un frisson d'borreur. Deux hommes politiques, responsables religieux, dirigeants d'associations anti-racistes... ont tous dénoncé ce «crime contre l'humanité», cette «offense à la condition de l'bomme». Le présideat François Mitter-

rand a qualifié jeudi «cet attentat» de «particulièrement abject». ajoutant que «quels qu'en soient les auteurs, quelque soin qu'ils prenneat d'agir dans l'ombre, lâchement, contre des morts, il faut qu'ils soient retrouvés et châtiés». Il a par ailleurs appelé les Français à «se ressaisir», dans une allusion à la montée réelle du racisme dans l'Hexagone. L'ancien premier ministre conservateur Jacques Chirac a lui aussi souligné la «crise» que traverse le

pays. «Nous en sommes tous responsables, a-t-il affirmé, et nous devons tous lutter contre les incitations à la haine raciale».

Il est vrai que la profanation du cimetière de Carpentras intervient dans un climat délétère d'intolérance en France. Dans la nuit de lundi à mardi, des inscriptions antisémites et pro-nazies avaient été peintes sur des magasins de la ville voisine d'Avignon, de même qu'à Rambouillet, près de Paris. Actes racistes, parmi tant d'autres.

De nombreuses personnalités ont dénuncé, à l'instar du ministre de l'Intérienr, les idées «racistes» du leader de l'extrêmedroite, Jean-Marie le Pen, qui incitent à «des violeaces» inimaginables. Celui-ci, qui s'était permis de dire mercredi qu'il «y avait trop de juifs dans la presse» en France, a affirmé jeudi que «l'ignoble profanation (...) [lui] paraît (...) ètre un montage du même style que celui de Timisoara en Roumanie». M. le Pen a fait cette déclaration à Elseneur (Danemark) où il participe à une réunion des droites européennes, en compagnie notamment de Franz Sbonbnber, ebef des Républicains allemands, ancien Waffen-SS.

«Comment Jean-Marie le Pen ose-t-îl dire ou insinuer qu'il y a eu machinatitin, s'est indigné Élie Wiesel, Prix Nobel de la Paix. Qu'est-ce qu'il veut dire, que ce sont les juifs qui l'ont fait?»

Le Parlement européen a anaoncé vendredi qu'il proposera prochainement des mesures à l'échelle de la CEE contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme. De soa côté, la Ligue arabe s'est dite «solidaire sans réserve de la communanté juive, dont elle partage le désarroi devant l'inquiétant réveil de l'antisémitisme en Europe». (D'après agences.)

Il était une fois la Ferrari

# aventure à Florence

voitures les plus chères du monde, fait l'objet d'une exposition monstre à Florence, en Italie.

Devant la forteresse du Belvé- là, c'était une bataille». dère, érigée par Michel Ange, neuf Ferrari (depuis l'aînée, la Barchetta Touring 1949, à la BB de 1971) seront exposées à l'intér- arriver le premier sur les circuits ieur de grands cubes modernes de de course mais aussi sur les verre blindé climatisés. Nenf routes». La luute aura été longue, modèles prestigieux, prêtés pour jusqu'an succès. «Il avait cinl'occasion par des collectionneurs quante ans, lorsqu'il a créé sa

de retracer toutes les étapes de l'aventure du "cheval cabré". «Tout d'abord les temps difficiles, explique le carossier Sergio Pininfarina. C'était l'époque où ui Ferrari, ni nous-memes n'avions les moyens. Pour obtenir un

lienne, Piero Ferrari se souvient: «Mon père avait une idée fixe: première voiture, en 1947», pour-

Ferrari", restera ouverte jusqu'au 30 septembre en Ittalie. Elle devrait ensuite être déplacée dans deux grands musées étranvions les moyens. Pour obtenir un gers, aux Ettats-Unis et en niveau de qualité à cette époque- Europe. (D'après agences.)

#### Exposition à la Fondation Shoman

cette confusion dans laquelle se retrouve son travail.

sont pas employés comme vrais véhicules d'expression, obéissant aux règles de la plastique. Son travail suscite chez le récepteur un mécontentement: celui d'être acculé à la passivité, d'être dépos-

Adnan Yahya tente de forcer nos sentiments avec des couleurs très dures. Mais il bute sur l'écueil de l'art engagé, quand il s'éloigne des thématiques universelles: il n'arrive plus à transmettre convenablement le message souhaité.

l'idée initiale et échappe pea ou prou an monde de la peinture.

tions individuelles au RCC (1986 et 1989); a participé à plusieurs exposi-tions collectives depuis 1986.

trentaine de dessins à l'encre, exécutés sur carton. Nous sommes ici en présence d'une peinture instinctive. Une printure intuitive, qui est l'œuvre d'une amoureuse des arts, possédant un don qu'elle exprime sans formation académique d'ancune sorte.

Rula est une artiste très sensi-

ble, qui s'exprime aisément avec

de ses dessins, des changements de sensations, mais la peintre parvient à préserver une mité de Il ne faut pas chercher un thème quelconque aux œuvres de

unique objectif d'extérioriser ses sentiments profonds. tre une ligne sur ses couleurs, comme pour les marquer d'une

Sabah Al-Hadidi.

Rula Shukairy présente une (\*) Voir "A l'affiche", page 6.



#### Prisonnières

## **Mme Mitterrand**

L'Association israélienne des femmes pour les prisonnières politiques (WOFPP) a sollicité cette semaine l'intervention de Danielle Mitterrand, épouse du chef de l'Etat français, auprès du gouvernement israélien en faveur de trois détenues politiques pales-

WOFPP, a rencontré hundi à toire, il y a 32 mois.

cinquantaine le nombre de femmes palestiniennes détenues dans les prisons israéliennes, prévoit une réaction «très positive et très efficace» de Mme Mitterrand. Dans l'attente de sa rencontre, mardi à Paris, avec de hauts fonctionnaires du ministère français des Affaires étrangères, elle a de-mandé jeudi nne «action urgente» en faveur de ces trois détenues et lancé un appel à l'opinion publique internationale pour qu'elle dénonce les sévices et les «tortures, voire les «abus sexuels».

#### sollicitée

Yael Oren, déléguée de la

Paris Mme Mitterrand, en sa qualité de présidente de la Fondation "France-Liberté". Elle lui a demandé nue intervention "urgente" en faveur de Ne Eme al-Hiln, 38 ans, dirigeante de la plus importante organisation féminine de la bande de Gaza et menacée de bannissement ainsi que pour Intissar al-Qaq, 19 ans, enceinte de buit mois, à laquelle sont selon elle refusées les conditions les plus élémentaires d'hygiène et de santé. Mme Oren souhaite enfin une assistance auprès d'Ettaf Aliyan, 28 ans, dont le nez a été hrisé sous les coups de ses geoliers lors d'un interroga-

Yael Oren, qui estime à une

# **Exposition d'une**

Pour la première fois, le mythe de la Ferrari, l'une des

du monde entier.

L'exposition a pour ambition

Vice-président de la firme ita-

L'exposition, intitulée "Idée

(suite de la page 5)

l'origine de ce "désordre", de

Car les symboles qu'il utilise ne sédé de sa force analytique.

L'œnvre ne sert alors plus

Rula Shukairy. Autodidacte; deme membre de l'Institut Fahr Al-Nissa des Beaux-Arts depuis 1984; exposi-

la couleur. On remarque, au fil

Rula Shukairy, car, comme nous l'avons souligné, sa peinture est un travail instinctif, qui a pour L'artiste tente souvent de met-

touche académique. Mais ce sont ses dessins de purs coloris qui demeurent, de loin, les plus sensi-



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#### Théâtre au RCC

#### Du côté de chez Brontë

Vanessa Batrouni, connue en Jordanie en tant que réalisatrice de comédies musicales. présente cette semaine au Centre culturel royal (RCC) une nouvelle pièce, "Bronte". Une pièce, qui selon elle, n'a cette fois rien d'une comédie musicale.

Quoi alors? Les comédiens chantent, et même beaucoup. «C'est une pièce de théâtre à chansons, dit l'auteur. Ces dernières servent à intensifier le drame, expliquant le monde intérieur des trois sœurs Bronte: Charlotte, Emily et

On parle ici de la vie de trois des plus célèbres romancières de la littérature anglaise du XIXème siècle, métamorphosées par Vanessa Batrouni en personnages théâtraux. «Voilà dix ans que j'ai cette idée en tête, poursuit-elle. J'avais relu. par basard, "Jane Eyre", écrit par Charlotte. Son premier grand succès. Eprise du style, je voulais connaître davantage la femme qui l'a créé. Et c'est à travers cette recherche que je suis entrée dans un monde fascinant, le monde des sœurs Bronte».

L'univers qu'elle a découvert est un univers clos mais vivant, un pays imaginaire que les jeunes sœurs, avec la participation de leur frère Branwell, ont inventé pour s'amuser. «Ils jouaient au théâtre, précise Vanessa Batrouni. Ils créaient et interprétaient les personnages. Au-

teurs précoces, ils ont écrit une chronique très détailiée de ce monde. On ne peut pas sousestimer l'importance psychologique de leur jeu. Commencé en enfance, il a duré de nombreuses années. On retrouve l'aînée. Charlotte, encore impliquée dans cet univers à l'âge de 23 ans. C'est l'importance de ce phénomène à la fois théâtral et littéraire que la pièce tente de mettre en lumière».

Laquelle des trois sœurs trouve-t-elle la plus fascinante? «Elles avaient chacune un caractère différent. La plus jeune, Anne, était la plus tranquille. Emily, qui nous a fait cadean des "Hauts de Hurlevent", était farouche mais solitaire. Franchement, c'est Charlotte qui me hante. C'est la seule des trois qui a réussi à rompre les liens avec ce monde qu'elles ont inventé et dans lequel elles vivaient. C'est elle qui se rattache au monde réel et devient une adulte. C'est d'ailleurs cette passiun pour la vie, exprimée avec franchise, que l'on retrouve dans "Jane Eyre", un livre qui continue de me bouleverser».

L'objectif de l'anteur de "Bronte": «Faire comprendre quel point l'univers théâtral enfantin des trois sœurs est à la source de leurs génies littéraires respectifs. J'espère que la pièce le montre bien».

Sami Kamal.

#### EXPOSITIONS Peinture. Les quatre peintres jordaniens Adnan Yihyia, Ghada

Dahdaleh, Mohammad Samara, Rula Al-Shukeiri, et la sculptrice Larisa Najjar, exposent leurs tontes dernières œuvres. Centre des expositions de la Fondation Shoman (Shmeisani), Jusqu'au 7 Juin. Ouvert tous les jours, soul les vendredis. Entrée libre.

Fentres et encres. Né à Jérusalem en 1940, George S. Kaplanian présente un ensemble de peintures au feutre et de dessins à l'encre de

Institut Goethe, jusqu'su mercredi 16 mai. Entrée libre. Tél: 641993.

Peinture. Artiste libanaise, Randa Berouti expose une série de toiles consacrées à la vie quotidienne en Palestine, au Liban et en

Institut Goethe, du 19 au 29 mai. Vernissage samedi à 17h00. Entrée libre.

#### THEATRE

"Bronte", ou comment le théâtre enfantin des sœurs Bronte se trouve être à l'origine de trois gémes littéraires contrastés. Centre culturel royal, du 13 au 17 mai, à 19100. Texte et réalisation: Vane Batrouni; musique: Brenda Cooper; interprétation: Royal Theatre Company (Voir FOCUS). Prix des places: 4 dinars.

### CINEMA

Centre culturel français, dimanche 13 caises.

"Who Framed Roger Rab-

Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd,

Charles Fleischer et Joanna Cas-

duit de l'image de synthèse, et d'un homme de chair et de sang.

aux prises avec un affreux ghetto

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Centre américalo, dimanche 13 mai à

"Death of a Salesman", de

Wolker Schlöndorf, d'après

l'œuvre d'Arthur Miller, avec

Dustin Hoffman, Charles Durn-

ing et Kate Reid. Chronique

20h00. Projection pour les

Dimanche 13: "Robocop", de Paul

du cerveau d'un policier grièvement

blessé, à la poursuite d'un criminel.

Le nouveau flic n'a pas de mémoire...

Le film ne laisse pas plus de

Lundi 14: "Colours", de Demois

Duvall (1988). Racisme et criminalité

partent à la rencontre des hommes.

Mercredi 16: "Family Business",

avec Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman et Matthew Broderick (1989). Com-

ment la cambriole peut resserrer les

Jeudi 17: "Masters of Universe".

science-fiction (à 16h00). The Way of the Roses", de Danny de Vito,

20h00). Vendredi 18: "Date with an Angel"

Samedi 19: Dead Poets Society", de

Peter Weer, avec Robin Williams

proie au rêve de la pensée triom-

De belles images.

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(1989). Incomm.

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jeunes, le jeudi à 16h00.

d'une Amérique moyenne...

qui veut...

19h00 (en anglais).

### **TELEVISION**

## DIMANCHE

"Un Amour à Paris", de Merzak Allouache, avec Catherine Wilkening et Karim Allaoui 17h47 - Tel Père, Tel Fils: sitcom à la (1986). Présenté dans le cadre du française, avec Jacques Bahutin.

cycle "cinéma beur" du centre 18h14 - L'Ecole des Fans, animée culturel français", le film raconte 19h00 - Le Journal. la rencontre entre Ali, né en France, et Marie, née à Alger... 19h15 - Sélection de variétés fran-

#### LUNDI

18h00 - Aventures-Voyages on "Le bit?", de Robert Zemeckis, avec Vol du Kangourou", documentaire consecré à l'Australie 19h00 - Le Journal. sidy. Les aventures d'un lapin 19h15 - Magazine sportif hebdoma-(pâle reflet de Bugs Bunny), pro- daire.

#### MARDI

18h15 - Des Chiffres et des Lettres: jeu (finale de Nimes). 18h35 - L'Appart, sicom à la francaise, avec Roger Pierre. . 19h00 - Le Journal. 19h15 - Aujourd'hui en Jordanie:

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Centre américain, jeudi 17 mai à 19h00 (en anglais). 18h07 - "Panique aux Caraïbes" (premier épisode); série policière... 19h00 - Le Journal. 19h15 - Symbiose animale et végé-Ciné-club. Séance quotidienne à tale: documentaire.

#### JEUDI ·

Verhoevea, avec Peter Weller et Nancy Allen (1986). Un robot, doté 17h45 - "Molièrissimo" (3): dessin animé pour les jeunes. 20 ans d'histoire de France, vus par un enfant de 10 ans, en compagnie du dramaturge Molière

18h12 - Des Chiffres et des Lettres;

Hopper, avec Sean Penn et Robert 18h32 - La Chanse aux Chansons émission de variétés françaises du passé, présentée par Pascal Sevran. 19h00 - Le Journal.

Mardi 15: "The Abyss", de James Cameron, avec Ed Harris et Mary 19h15 - Sélection de variétés fran-Elizabeth Mastrantonin (1989). Des caises. êtres supérieurs, vivant sous les mers,

#### VENDREDI

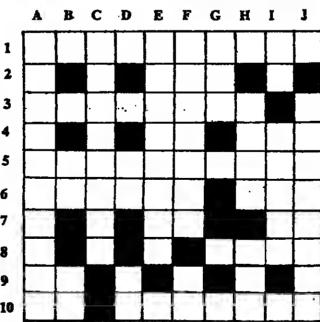
17h22 t "Conseil de Famille", de Costa-Gevras, avec Johany Hallyday, Fanny Ardant et Guy Marchand. Une mère, ses deux enfants et-l'ami de la famille fêtent la sortie de prison du père, perceur de coffres. 19h00 - Le Journal. avec Michael Douglas et Kathleen

Turner (1989). Comédie. Inconnue (a 19h15 - Portraits, ou métiers de femmes. Cette semaine: la bistrote.

#### SAMEDI

(1989). Ua prof de littérature, en 17145 - Le Monde est à Vous: émission-jeu de Jacques Martin. 19h00 - Le Journal. Films en version nriginale. Tél: 19h15 - Anjourd'hui en France:

#### Mots croisés



1: celle des Français se sete le 14 juillet. 2: seison. 3: bonnet révolutionnaire. 4: pronom personnel; éroda. 5: profites. 6: pas rapides; son du klaxon. 7: lle; monnaie chinoise. 8: frère de Caln. 9: dans la gamme. 10: possédé; les révolutionnaire observations. naires a'en portaient pas.

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(Solution la semaine prochaine)

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#### SAVIEZ-VOUS

GASTRONOMES. La cuisine reste apparemment pour les Francaises une arme de séduction, un moyen efficace pour attirer et parfois garder les petits gourmands qui les intéressent, à en juger par un récent sondage. Lorsqu'elles passent une soirée avec l'homme de leur vie, 56% d'entre elles choisissent de préparer son plat préféré: 32% pensent d'abord à passer chez le coiffeur; 9% seulement estiment nécessaire de relire l'œuvre complète de son écrivain favori, selon l'enquête, réalisée an déhut du mois de février pour le compte d'un groupe électroménager.

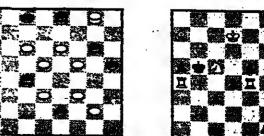
IDEE? L'Egypte a une dette extérieure de plus de 50 milliards de dollars, mais elle dispose d'un trésor archéologique gigantesque, notait fin avril an Caire l'hebdomadaire intégriste "Al-Nour" (La Lumière), tirant aussitôt la conclusion: «Vendons le trésor pour payer la dette». "Al-Nour" a néanmoins pris soin d'interroger les Gulémas, qui seraient, selon le journal, manimes: rien, au regard de la Charia, ne s'oppose à la vente des richesses pharaoniques exposées dans les musées nationaux. Et l'un d'entre eux d'ajouter: «A quoi bon garder ces trésors, alors que des milliers d'Egyptiens, démunis et dépourvus de logement, sont condamnés à vivre dans les cimetières?». Et de surenchérir: «D'ailleurs, l'on connaît le jugement de l'Islam sur ces statues antiques, produits du polythéismes.

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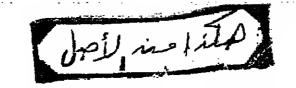
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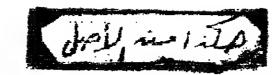
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# Islamist sweep of campus elections mobilised effort or lack of alternative?

By Lamis K. Andoni

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AMMAN - The Islamist bloc's landslide victory in the first student elections in 16 years by dominating an ad boc committee for a student federation at the University of Jordan last Wednesday is wideby viewed as part of a fullfledged Islamist mobilisation campaign following setbacks affered by the movement in various professional associations elections over the last two

The outcome refutes ali claims that the Islamists are losing ground," boasted a Muslim Brotherhood official Thursday. "It is not true that the professional associations elections were an indication of our weakness," he said.

But there is no doubt that Wednesday's election is seen by many observers as constituting a compensation for the Islamists' defeat in the professional associations elections which were dominated by leftiets and pan-Arab nationalist

At the University of Jordan, however, the results were beyond all expectations. For even though the Islamists have always maintained a strong presence at the university, leftists and independents had anticipated a bigger share than the four per cent of the vote. that they won. The Islamists won 82 seats out of the 85

seats, practically excluding any power for the leftist-leaning "Committee of Nationalist Initiative," in the ad hoc com-

"We respect the outcome of the elections, and the students' will," commented a member of the leftist coalition, which in-cludes supporters of the Jordanian organisation of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Jordan People's Democratic Party, the Communist Party and many supporters of Fatch.

We consider the present ad hoc committee our representative but our support will hinge on its readiness to adhere to pluralism and to the idea of establishing a general students union for all of the universities," he added.

The leftists' main concern is that the Islamists would adhere to a prior agreement that the emerging union should be a general union for all students in Jordan's four universities. According to student activists, the main focus of the debate at Jordan universities in the last four months had been whether to establish separate unions for the various universities or one

Iordanian students. Despite their rivalries, the Islamic bloc and the leftist "Nationalist Initiative Committee" agree on the need for one unified general students union. The agreement was

unified general union for

ferendum, sponsored by the university's department of students affairs last Aptil. The results of the referendum showed that 78 per cent of the University of Jordan's students supported a general union.

Students said that 40 per

cent of the estimated 17,000 students took part in the referendum. Bnt leftists argued that they feared the Islamists would renege on the agreement, especially that the Islamists at the Jordan University of Science and Technology ((JUST) contested the elections on the basis of separate students unions at the university. The Islamists' action at JUST was said to have triggered a boycott of the elections hy 49 per cent of the students, leaving the ad hoc committee under complete control of the

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Islamists, however, argued that there was no central decision by the movement regarding the students' organisations. But leftists cast suspicinn that the Islamists might be manocuvring and might accept the fragmentation ol the union into separate and independent university chapters.

"Such a step will dilute students' strength and role in the democratisation process in the country," argued one leftist activist.

Rivalry between the leftists and the Islanusts at the University of Jordan reached its peak in the mid and late seventies, especially after the government dissolved the students union in 1974 and replaced it with separate departmental student societies. In those years leftist students were banished and some of them jailed, particularly after student riots in protest against the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's controversial visit to Jerusalem and the Americanhrokered Camp David peace

Many Jordanians still recall how leftist students and their sympathisers were frequently interogated by the security authorities and some were even expelled from the university for their activities.

"The leftists received a serious blow leaving the university for the Islamists," insisted one leftist.

However, analysts cite other reasons behind the Islamists' victory at the university, including the high level of organisation of the Muslim Brotherhood, especially at the grassroot level.

"We do admit that we still have a lot of work to do to increase our interaction at the grassroot level in our universities." a leftist student said. Another extremely signifi-

cant factor cited by both leftist activists and independent observers alike is a manifestation of fear from the idea of organising political and opposition groups and parties.

"After a three-decade ban on political parties and strict security constraints and punitive measures, this is a natural phenomenon," said a political scientist at the nniversity. Although there have been

no in-depth or field studies to explain students' attitudes there are indications that the idea of pluralism and democracy has not been entrenched yet in the social norms and behaviour. "The whole idea of active participation is stitl feared by many students except for the Islamists and the leftists," the political scientist explained.

Leftists argue that despite, the democratisation process voong for the Islamists, who had traditionally been seen as allies of the establishment, is still viewed "a safer option hy Students."

Islamists, on the other hand, insist that the outcome represented "their real strength and students' support for Islam and the Muslim Brotherhood.' This argument is contested by some observers who insist that many students who had nothing to do with the Brotherhood, including Christians, voted against the left "as a result of a longstanding hostil-

The sweeping victory of the Islamic movement in a recent student election at the University of Jordan has given rise to conflicting contentions and arguments: Do the election results reflect a

ity against communism and the left."

They point out to the emergence of a loosely organised group, named Al 'Ahd (the Pact) which publicly denounces the left and the formation of parties in the name of defending the establishment. This group is reportedly part of a higger movement which bas been projecting itself as the party which "defends the establishment."

Al 'Ahd did not field any candidates and there is a controversy among students whether the group's members voted for the Islamists or boycotted the elections. Some leftists argue that if Al 'Ahd had fielded candidates it would

reluctance to embrace organised polifical movehave taken votes from the

Islamists. In general Al 'Ahd openly campaigned against the idea of a general union, and the Islamists and the leftists had actually

cooperated together to defeat

the group's call for independent chapters. Although it is rather premature to make a final assessment of the students' political awareness, and if the initial observations regarding the fear of students from the traditionally viewed opposition parties

prove to be substantial, observers believe that the issue raises many questions about the country's educational

Some of the questions that

are being raised by students, professors and observers are the following:

better-organised movement by the Islamists or the

lack of alternatives of the students, or just student

— Will it take the country long to reverse the impact of the instilled fear and suspicions in organised political move-

- Were the results partly determined by the Islamists' influence in the Ministry of

- Were the results an indication of an overwhelming support for the application of Islamic codes?

The initial answer, according to analysts, must be a combination of the three factors, but they all maintain that there is a real need to study the trends, among our young generations.

## **Ex-king nurses** dreams of return to Romania s français: Pascal Sea

By Clare Pedrick

GENEVA (WNL) -- Old filmfootage shows him as a shy boyking, ill at case in his stiff military uniform as he receives German officers, who shave recently invaded his country. The year orac 1940 and King Michael of Roma- for their freedom, but nothing nia; just 18-years-old, was at the has really changed," he said. start of an eight-year reign that. "They've got rid of Ceausescu was to end in a forced abdication but the old communist guard is

Now, aged 68, the former king dreams of going back to the land he left under such bitter circumstances. He is not alone. Recent events in Eastern Europe-have given rise to speculation that monarchies could be restored in. Bulgaria, Hungary and Yugoslavia, and maybe one day, even in Albania. Yet King Michael dif-fers from other claimants to the thrones of Central Europe in one very important detail; he is the nothing about," the former king only one among them to have roled as king, the last surviving ruler from World War II.

Two parties which have risen from the ashes since the execution of Romanian dictator Nicolac Ceansescu last December the National Peasants and the Liberals - have appealed to the former King to come back as ruler in a constitutional monarchy. Reports from inside the country reveal that many of the older generation have dug out yellowing pictures of the king as a n plat pete 9% scales young man and pinned them on the walls for the first time in more than four decades of communism.

Probably worried about the political impact that a visit by the former king would have, Romania's government has cancelled his visa and refused him permission to come as a tourist, which he requested this spring.
King Michael is guarded about

a possible return. "I've been longing for this moment for more than 40 years, but now I'm waitmg for the situation to become more stable," he said in an exclusive interview. "My one wish is to serve my people, and I'll go back when they ask me to. But many. of the young people don't even know what a constitutional monarchy is. They only know what they've been taught by the communists - that we were terrible people who sucked the coun-

king Michael has had to content himself with sending three of his five daughters as emissaries the eldest, 40 year-old Margaret, the fourth-born, Sophie, 36, and Helen, who recently arrived in Bucharest with an aid convoy from England. Margaret and Sophie have paid two visits since the Ceausesu regime fell. Both have given up their homes and obs - Margaret worked with the United Nations Food and Agriand Sophie was in her final year of a graphics arts course in

Washington, D.C. The former king's relations with the interim National Salva-

tion front government now ruling Romania are less than cordial, He has openly criticised the new leaders-for-what he describes as "undemocratic behaviour" and declares that the upcoming national elections scheduled for May 20 will be a farce.

"A lot of people fought bravely color of their coat, nothing.

Sixty-two parties have registered for the elections, he explained, but most of them are communists with a democratic facade. The others have virtually nothing in the way of resources to run election campaigns — no pencils, no access to the media. The people are being asked to vote for something they know added, commenting on the sometimes confused aspect of the current leadership. "I just don't see how it can work."

Today Michael of Romania lives in a modern villa in a small village 10 minutes away from Geneva. There, be and his wife Anne - descended from the Danish and French royal families - live a lifestyle-that is comfortable, but certainly not regal. They have a chef to help them entertain, but certainly not regal. They have a chef to help them entertain, but no royal entourage: Queen Anne often does the shopping herself, and the comple talk frankly about their lack of capital, a factor which could cause problems were they to be recalled to Romania.

"Since I left I've always had to work for a living," King Michael said. His first experience as an ordinary citizen was in England. two years after his forced abdication in 1948, when he and his wife set up a market garden enterprise, selling vegetables, chicken and eggs. He later moved to Geneva to work as a test pilot for the Lear aviation company. "I also had a small electronics company, but the competition got too tough," he said. "At one stage, I even had to try my hand at working on the New York stock exchange. It was not exactly my line, but somehow we had to make ends meet."

Life has certainly not been kind to Michael of Romania. At age 6 he became king for the first time, on the death of his grandfather Ferdinand I who refused to entrust the crown to his own son Karol, a dissolute character with a reputation as a heavy drinker. and a womanizer. Michael's spell as the young regent lasted three years, until his father ousted him from the throne. When the Germans marched in at the start of World War II King Karol abdicated and left for Paris. His wife divorced him and Michael, then 18, was left to rule as a puppetking under the Nazis.



King-turned businessman Michael of Romania, here with his wife Anne, was recently refused a visa to visit Romania as a tourist, which prompted demonstrations in Bucharest (WNC)

the Soviet Red Army took over. Michael had the unenviable claim of being the only monarch to have served under hoth Hitler and Stalin. As a parting shot, the Germans blew up the royal palace. King Michael and his mother were forewarned and sought refuge in the countryside. Then, in 1948, three years after swallowing Romania into the East bloc, Stalin demanded that the young king abdicate.

They blackmailed me." he recalled. "They put this paper in front of me and as I went to study it in my office I realised that they had cut the telephone lines and that artillery soldiers had surrounded the house. They said that if I did not sign, 1000 young people being held in prison would be executed. I could not take the responsibility."

In the years that followed, during his long exile in Western Europe, King Michael learned to adopt what he calls a dual personality. "To many people inside and outside Romania I have never stopped being their king, and that means you have certain obligations. On the other hand, most of the rest of the world considered me as being the same as hand, most of the rest of the world considered me as being the same as anyone else. My life as king was something that was finished, behind me."

Contacts with other European royals are still strong. King Michael is close to Britain's Prince Philip as well as members of the Dutch, Danish, Belgian, Spanish and Norwegian royal families. "All of them wrote and telephoned during the events of last Christmas," he said. Of the

In 1944 the Germans left and European royals-in-exile. King \*Michael is closest to Simeon of Bulgaria who lives in Madrid. Victor Emmanuel, exiled beir to the former throne of Italy, is a neighbour. He too bves close to Geneva. Since the December revolution

King Michael had had letters from as far afield as Australia, Japan and India, he says. He has also received dozens of visits from fellow Romanians, "Some of them have been political people, others simply individuals. A lot of them bave been young people. They are all very worried that their revolution is being stolen from them. The whole idea was to throw out the system, hut that does not mean just getting rid of Ceauseson. He was just the

Among reports King Michael claims to have received is one indicating that the sinister Securitate security police has not been disbanded by the interim government, 'They have very cleverly moved them around to other towns and villages where their faces are not known," he said. "Large numbers have also been absorbed into the police and the

The king's close contact with Western relief groups has brought more worrying news. 'Much of the food and medicines never reach the people who need it, but is being sent straight to Russia or sold on the black market," he said. "The system has produced the greatest corruption ever seen. People have been driven to do anything at all, purely to survive. The problem is that this has been a way of life for more than 40 years, and it will be very difficult to change it."

#### Arab renaissance depends on 'the learned' so as to meet the twenty-first

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the Arab countries and two-thirds of the female population. We remain unable to accommodate all Arah children in the primary level and high proportions of those who complete the primary level remain deprived of the opportunity to move into the following levels.

But the major shortcoming of our Arab educational systems is in the realm of quality. That is why I should like to emphasise the vital need to realise these qualitative objectives of future education, if our nation is to aspire to a promising future in the world of the strong and powerful .

Let us remember that in 1950 the levels of education, income and industrialisation in the Arab World were higher than those in most of East and Southeast Asia, those countries which are now referred to as the "new tigers." They provided for both "quality" and "quantity" education and advanced by leagues, just as we in the Arab Nation can, for we still have a chance, during the nineties, to realise qualitative objectives in our educational systems

century with greater power and

The realisation of those ten goals would be the greatest achievement this generation can accomplish and bequeath to succeeding generations for them to build upon. It is a greater challenge which we ought to meet. Indeed, it is the key to our success in confronting other challenges, foreseen and unforeseen. It is a difficult but not an im-

possible task. It will require huge human, financial and organisational resources but such resources will have been expended towards a worthy and noble goal. inot to realise that goal would mean squandering our resources in the future, nor should the onus of providing the needed human. financial and organisational resources for future education be the exclusive responsibility of the state. The experience of the past decades proved in our countries and others, both East and West. that the state, no matter how wealthy it is, cannot do everything; and even when it does, it compromises "quality." Hence

they share duties, tasks and responsibilities, in an effort to translate this partnership responsibilities, in an effort to translate this partnership into a "new social contract" where the various civic organisations and sectors emerge. would shoulder part of the responsibility in the provision of education and jobs. Nor is this is a call to relieve the state of its responsibilities, but rather a plea for allowing greater civic parti-

cipation. The Arah Thought Forum, which Amman is honoured to host, has done well to take the initiative to reopen the file on education for the Arab Nation and study / the issue in a compara~• Forum is picking up on the regard have been published in several volumes under the title lenges of the future. "Educational Strategy in the Arab World."

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an equitable partnership in which obstacles that seem to encumber most of the work of official Arah organisations on common Arab action. In this regard the Arab Thought Forum is a model Arab organisation and we look forward to seeing more such organisations

#### Ladies and Gentlemen.

This conference is the first step: in a journey of a thousand miles. We as peoples, states, governments and leaders must continue? our journey in a manner consistent with the rapid changes taking place in the world today. Jordani has in fact embarked on a tenyear educational reform programme and has made reasonably good strides. Over the past two tive and in-the-field approach. years, other Arab countries have Naturally, the Arah Thought started similar projects and we hope the remaining Arab counpioneering endeavour which tries and organisations will do ALECSO undertook thirteen likewise and reopen the file on? years ago and whose works in this education in order to develop education so as to meet the chal-

May God give you guidance and hless your endeavours. "Say Yet the Arab Thought Forum's unto them: Carry on. Allah will endeavour is not bound by tradi- surely watch your work as will tional formats, nor is it impeded His Messenger and the be-

#### Arab professionals meet

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for the "disasters" that befell the Arab World. "The lessons of the past have taught us that the disasters and catastrophes that we (Arabs) suffered were due to disunity and differences among

us," he said. He added that the dangers posed hy the massive influx of Soviet Jews to Palestine should united Arah leaders regardless of

how great their differences are. "It is not impossible to resolve these differences... we should not allow the great danger (the immigration) not to get priority over them," Badran said.

He added that Soviet Jewish immigration to the Israelioccupied territories threatens "our homeland, nation, security and scientific development," and affirmed that the Amman gathering of Arab professional associations' representatives "is a practical manifestation of our awareness of these dangers."

Mobilisation urged

The secretary general of the

Arah Lawyers Federation. Faroug Abu Issa, attacked Arab leaders for their differences and called for an immediate democratisation of Arab countries as well as more practical programme of action to counter threats facing the region.

"If they do not open the win-

dows, the Arab home will collapse with all its holds, and there will be a day when the ruler and the ruled will meet," Abu Issa warned. He attacked Arab leaders' differences and maintained that "if

we forgave them their past deeds. we will not forgive them from Abu Issa said "the souls of martyrs will call on them: Any difference between the leaders

after today will be considered a

luxury which we will not accept."

He added that "the hearts of the Arab Nation will be looking towards Baghdad to follow on the Arab summit," scheduled to be held in the Iraqi capital May 28.

"We do not want a traditional summit; we want a summit that feels with the pulse of the people, and which will rewrite Arab

strategies so that it would be hased on the motto: We befriend those who befriend us and fight that who fight us," Ahu Issa said.

'Stop Israeli expansionism'

Dr. Mamdouh Abbadi. chairman of the meeting, warned that Soviet Jewisb immigration will engulf Palestinian land "with the aim of expansionism into other Arab countries."

"We cannot fight this danger unless we exterpate the cancer; either we exist or we do not," Abbadi said.

He added that the Arab conflict with Israel "is a war of existence and not of borders." He called for the unity of the Arah Nation "and the burial forever of differences between the

Arab regimes." He also called for quick moves towards bolding an Arah summit "in which all participate (and) arrive at strong and effective de-

cisions. Abbadi stressed the need to rejuvenate the "Eastern Front and support the steadfastness of Jordan, the real supporter of the

## Palestinian uprising."

The sessions should start and end on the specified time and the ment-

#### Iraq proposes meeting negotiations hased on the Algiers

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Gulf war fighting ended with a U.N.-sponsored ceasefire in Angust 1988. But post-war peace talks went oowhere. Aside from the Shatt Al Arab

dispute, Iran demands that Iraqi troops withdraw from several hundred square kilometres of its territory. Both sides still hold tens of thousands of prisoners. The Kuwaiti newspaper Al

Siyasseh reported Thursday that President Hussein's letter said Iraq was ready to meet Rafsanjani in Mecca for a new start to

treaty of 1975. Iraq declared the treaty null and void shortly before the Gulf

According to Al Siyassch, President Hussein's letter suggested Rafsaniani reconsider Iranian accusations that Iraq was

States in its war with Iran. President Hussein also linked proposals for an Iran-Iraq settlement to broader Middle East issues, calling for an Arab-Islamic front against Israel, the Kuwaiti

He described migration of Soviet Jews to Israel - on the agenda of an Arab summit to be held in Iraq May 28 - as a danger to both Arabs and the Islamic World, the report said.

Tehran Times said Saturday acting as an agent of the United that while the content of the Iraqi letter was still secret "it can however be gleaned that Iraq wishes to hold direct talks with Iran, but out of the framework provided by the U.N.-sponsored peace resolution, at the presiden-

### Jordan

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amounts of money and effort that will have to be paid in order to repair the damage and enable us to protect ourselves anew." the King said.

On the prevailing Iraq-Israel tension, the King said that he could not possibly guess what Israel was planning to do, but surely the Israelis will find temp taoon for aggression in a disunited Arab World."

Israel can never achieve its ohiectives through aggression inter-Arab relations are sound and Arab ranks united and solid," the King added.

Answering a question, the King said: "The decision to adopt pluralisoc democracic rule in Jordan is final. Let us hope that the democratic process in Jordan will serve as an example for other

### Commission

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ber's time to speak should not exceed 10 minutes unless the chairman allows that. The law also says that the member has the right to distribute a memo to other members, and that the member should address the chairman in discussions. The chairman, according to the article, can stop the menber if he or she deviates from the topic under discussion. It also posits that the member cannot speak unles permitted by the chairman, provided that the chairman cannot refuse permitting any member to speak without a good reason. The members should not interrupt each other, should no repeat what others have said, should not digress and should not include personal matters and slander in di-cussions, according to the stipul

# Non-OPEC may cut oil output to help prices

Saturday independent oil producers might cut output ito: support Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) efforts to reverse a slide in oil prices.

"Non-OPEC producers may, after discussions with OPEC members, take steps to cut oil output, "Tebran Radio quoted Shanfari as saying in a statement at the start of a visit to Iran. It gave no details.

Oman in the past bas led oon-OPEC producers in a dialogue with OPEC to stabilise oil prices. OPEC membes agreed May 3

to cut its total output by six per cent to around 22 million barrels per day (bpd), to prop up oil prices that plunged 25 per cent this year because of a glut. OPEC urged independent pro-

ducers to help by cutting their own production. Oman welcomed the OPEC

agreement and was willing to cooperate with the group, the radio, monitored in Cyprus, quoted Shanfari as saying. Omari output is about 650,000 barrels a day. Sbanfari said he would discuss

the world oil market, as well as oil exploration in waters shares by Oman and Iran, with Iranian Oil Minister Gbolamreza Aqazadeb.

UAE wants higher quotas United Arab Emirates (UAE) country firmly supported OPEC's unity but called for "fair distribution" of oil quotas among its 13 member states.

Sheikh Zayed, addressing a group of Japanese jouranlists prior to an official visit to Tokyo starting Sunday, said that the UAE postponed its request for an increase of its quota only to help efforts to absorb an oil glut on the world market that has been pressuring prices downward.

He did not say when the longstanding request would be formally presented to the OPEC ministerial council, whose next meeting is scheduled for June 25.

"The United Arab Emirates, which has been an active member in OPEC since its establishment... still firmly supports OPEC's objectives for achieving stable and balanced levels of world oil price and production," said Sheikh Zayed, currently in Chioa on the first leg of the Asian tour that is also taking him to Indonesia.

The interview was circulated by the UAE official news agency  $\mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{M}_{-}$ 

The UAE president pointed to the "sacrifices" made by his country io order to preserve OPEC's unity in the interest of all member states.

"We have agreed to reduce our oil productioo to preserve cooperation. Japan is a major OPEC's unity and solidarity and President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sul- also agreed to delay the increase UAE's top oil partner.

NICOSIA (Agencies) — The energy minister of Oman, Said Bin Ahmad Al Shanfari, said unity but called for "fair distribu
stan Al Nahayan Saturday said his country firmly supported OPEC's mity but called for "fair distribuSheikh Zayed. possible glnt in the market," said

But we always call for fair distribution of the quotas, and the UAE still calls for a fair quota and at the same time is eager to preserve OPEC's unity and approves its resolutions," Sheikh Zayed added wheo asked about the quota system.

The UAE was given 1.095 million barrel a day quota at the November OPEC ministerial meeting, although it had been calling for more to match its massive oil reserves and production capacity of 3.5 million barreis a day.

The country's overshooting of its OPEC quota by about a million barrels per day was the leading reason for the glut on the world market. The UAE reduced its production to 1.9 million following OPEC calls to contain the receot fall of oil prices this

The UAE bas an estimated two billion barrels of oil reserves, sufficient to place it among the top oil exporting countries for over 100 more years, UAE oil leaders affirm.

Sheikh Zayed stressed his country's keen interest in preserving cooperation with Japan, boping that no developments would occur to undermine such oil-consuming nation, and the

> Spanish enterpreneurs. The 408-room Las Palmeras at Varadero, Cuba's main tourist resort 140 kilometres east of Havana, is built with Spanisb capital and Cuban materialis and labour,

Fidel Castro

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Cuba opens

VARADERO, Cuba (R)

President Fidel Castro, saying

good management bas nothing to

do with ideology, has opened

Cuba's first joint venture hotel

initiative aimed at boosting hard-

currency tourism earnings for the

volution that we are inaugurating a

construction built in association with foreign capitalists," Castro

said Thrusday night after opening

the \$30-million four-star Las Pal-

meras hotel, which will be run by

"It's the first time in our re-

island's socialist economy.

It is the first such product of Cuba's ambitious tourist development policy, which offers Western eotrepreneurs a slice of the island's lucrative tourist market in exchange for development capital and management exper-

Communist-ruled Cuba, squeezed by a U.S. trade embargo and burdened by a more than \$6 billion foreign debt, is banking on tourism to boost its very low coovertible currency reserves, currently hovering around only \$100 million.

Las Palmeras will be jointly owned by Cuba's state tourism company, Cubanacan S.A. and Spain's Corporation Hispano-Interinsular S.A. through a mixed company called Cubacan.

Spaio's prestigious Sol-Melia Hotel Group, which is part of the Corporation Hispano-Interinsular, will ruo Las Palmeras and other hotels being built noder the same 50-50 ownership arrangement at Varadero and other tour-

A five-star botel, the Cohiba, is being constructed in Havana in association with another Spanisb iovestment group, Ibercusa S.A., while there are plans for similar ioitiatives with Austrian and Finnish companies in Cuba's second city, Santiago de Cuba.

Castro said Thursday the joint ventures were necessary to boost the quality of management in tourism, potentially the Carib-bean island's biggest growth sector. Tourism earns Cuba around \$140 million a year.

'We don't know how to administer hotels, how to make money out of tourism. It's not a question of ideology, it's a question of technique," the Cuban leader

Castro has said Cuba will never change its 30-year-old socialist system for capitalism, which he has described as a form of robbery. But he says the country's socialism can be improved.

Cuba, the biggest island in the Caribbean, has thousands of kilometres of virgin beaches and coral reefs but tour operators say poor quality service and accommodation, inefficiency and a lack of capital has hampered tourist development in the 31 years since the 1959 revolution led by Castro

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By Kenneth L. Whiting The Associated Press

DURI, Indonesia - Under the jungles of central Sumatra are an estimated two billion barrels of viscous oil that cannot be pumped by conventional means from the fine sand in which it rests.

"If you take cold honey out of the refrigerator, it won't pour easily until it warms up. That's what we have here," an oilman explained. To get the thick-as-boney

crude moving, engineers are

pumping steam into the old Duri

field to heat the oil so that it will "This requires a lot of work, but it's worth the effort," because there is strong demand from pollntion-conscious countries for Duri crude, which bas a low sulfur content, said Espy P. Price,

executive vice-president of Caltex

Pacific Indonesia.

Caltex, jointly owned by the U.S.-based oil companies Chevron and Texaco, is managing the field under contract with Pertamina, Indonesia's state oil com-

The ambitious project covers 6,600 hectares and involves 324 steam generators and 4,445 new wells — 1,270 for injecting steam and 3,175 for extracting oil.

The field is divided into hexagonal patterns with one steaminjection well placed inside a ring of production wells. The idea is to flood the wells continuously with steam to dislodge the oil and

During is Indonesia's second largest oil reservoir, surpassed only by the neighbouring Minas field, the biggest in East Asia. At its peak in 1973, Caltex's Sumatra production — mostly from Minas - averaged nearly a million barrels a day. Output bas since fallen sharply, partly because Minas is getting old, and partly because of quotas from the Organisation of Petroleum Ex-

porting Countries (OPEC). Duri was discovered in 1941 and put into production by Caltex in 1958. But traditional methods allowed only seven per cent of the more than five billion barrels to be recovered. After reaching 65.000 barrels a day in 1965, production fell to 30,000 barrels in the early 1980s.

#### 'Enhanced recovery'

Caltex experimented with various types of secondary or "enhanced recovery" methods, in-cluding water injection, before starting steam-flooding five years ago. Duri now pumps more than 150,000 barrels per day and has passed Kern River and South Belridge in California as the world's largest steam-flood producer. Caltex executives said.

Duri should reach its peak of 300,000 barrels noder steamflooding by 1997. Engineers estimate that about 65 per cent of the available crude eventually will be recovered by primary and secon-

son estimated the total cost at devaluation in 1986.

Indonesia's known oil reserves are being depleted, but production is expected to spurt for a few more years before falling off sharply. Pertamina officials say the country may have to begin importing crude oil by the year 2001 unless the rate of striking new deposits increases.

Saddled with buge foreign debts and a devalued currency from previous oil price collapses, the government managed in the late 1980s to reduce the economy's reliance on fuels. Oil at one time accounted for about two-thirds of export income and state revenue.

Deregulatory measures, prompted by plunging oil prices during the past decade, included major tax reforms, incentives for exporting and investment in the non-oil sector, and liberalising the financial and capital mar-

Inflatioo-adjosted gross domestic product (GDP) - the output of goods and services minus foreign income - is expected to increase more than six per cent this year, compared with average annual rates of less than four per cent from 1985 to 1987.

Deregulation boosted the economy by cutting costs and opening up areas such as banking to private enterprise. Inflation has stayed below 10 per cent for several years, and there is more confidence in the rupish, which has been allowed to gradually the oext ceotury.

Project manager Roland Wil- depreciate since its most recent Dauating problems

But Indonesia still faces some daunting economic problems, including paying interest on a foreign debt of more than \$50 billion and creating enough jobs for a work force that grows by 2.5 million people each year.

The oil and natural gas share of exports has dropped from 80 per cent in the early 1980s to 40 per cent. Non-oil commodity exports earned \$13.48 billion last year, an increase of 17 per cent from 1988.

Despite a diminished role in generating revenue, oil and gas exports brought in \$8.68 billion in 1989, an increase of nearly 13 per cent from the prior year. Economists attribute the higher oil income to strooger world

Mines and Energy Minister Ginanjar Kartasaita are trying to stimulate more exploration and increase production from nearlydepleted wells. Drillers bave been offered a better sobt on their production sharing contracts if they drill in the potentially rich but remote and relatively ignored eastern areas of the country and if they use secondary recovery methods to coax more oil out of existing wells.

Indonesia, Asia's only member of OPEC produces 1.26 million barrels of crude per day. But Ginaniar said that at current rates of depletion and fast-rising domestic demand, it could become a net oil importer early in

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# Labour unrest clouds German reunification

German workers fear for their economic future as the German states prepare for unification, but lawmakers disagree on who is spreading the anxiety.

Parliament was franght with finger-pointing Thursday after tens of thousands of teachers. textile workers and farmers staged natioowide protests against the unemployment expected to result from East Gemany's move to the free mar-

Guenther Krause, who leads the East German delegation in fear campaign by the left" to trigger mass anxiety over the loss of buge subsidies under the former socialist system.

Lawmaker Gregor Gysi, bead of the reformed Communist Party, said East Germans were being kept too much in the dark about what has being negotiated and needed to plan for economic

He said the East German negotiating team has gone into talks in a "stooped posture" to the West

German delegation, which wants to remove all the vestiges of the former socialist system. The Germanys are to merge

their economies and social in-

currency of East Germany.

Full unification is expected next year, after the superpowers find a way to agree on the strategic role of a united Ger-Krause said work on the final

economic and social agreement between the Germanys should be completed by Sunday. The parliaments of both nations then would consider the treaty. Economists predict that many

inefficient East German factories will close in the next year because they will not be able to compete economic talks with West Ger- in the free market, and that bemany, criticised what he called a tween 500,000 and two milboo East German workers will lose their jobs.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and East German Prime Mioister Lotbar de Maiziere say a quick influx of Western investment will create new jobs and raise east German living standards.

The two governments still bave differences over the level of job and price guarantees to give East

The talks are being beld behind closed doors, however, and many questions about how West Germany would absord and dismantle East Germany's vast public sector and social welfare system

The left-leaning Social Democrats, the junior partner in de Maiziere's governing coalition, are pressing the conservative de Maiziere to pusb for more social guarantees for East Germans used to cheap housing, subsidised

food and guaranteed jobs. Krause gave the 400-member parliament an update oo the status of talks between the countries and a grim economic picture of the East German economy.

> East Germany faces a year-end deficit of 120 billion East German marks (\$36.6 billion) inflation has risen rapidly in recent mooths and only 32 per cent of the nation's industries are profitable,

He said the real income of East Germans will not drop after the introduction of the West German mark and in fact may rise. He said 1.5 million workers will be retrained this year, with help from West Germany, so they can compete in a Western economy.

Finance Minister Walter Romberg, a Social Democrat, created a tumult in parliament when he said he didn't know where Krause

got his figure. De Maiziere defended his representative in the economic negotiations, and said Krause got them from "comberg's Finance

# oppose Canada split

Quebec businessmen

from English Canada would be costly and painful, puncturing earlier boasts that Quebec could manage nicely on its own.

"There are too many people saying that if we separate, everything will be fine," Paul Desmarais, the chairman of the Power Corporation financial empire, said this week.

about it seriously Canada would suffer and the provioce of Quebec would suffer," he said. The head of the railroad and

lar warning last week. "Anyone who thinks two countries, or three countries or four in Europe, said he bad to put countires is stronger than one country is living in a dream world."

meeting in Montreal. veiled threat that it might leave the federation if the Meech Lake Constitutional Accord, which grants the province the power to protect its distinct culture, is not

Quebec's businessmen were expressiog confidence that the French-speaking province, which underwent an entrepreneurial revolution in the 1980s, would easily survive a break from the rest of

"Our ecocomists tell us that our credit rating would not go down and that Quebec would continue to be attractive to invesBut as news of Canada's poli-

tical problems travelled beyond the country's borders, foreigners began to hold off investing io Canada, thereby driving up Canadians' borrowing costs.

West Gemaoy's Deutsche Bank recommended in April that investors reduce their Canadian bond holding because of the country's high interest rates and the constitutional bickering. To compensate investors. Canadian bonds are now offering yields more than two percentage points above the yields on comparable U.S. bonds.

Desmarais of Power Corporation, which does a lot of busioess deals worth 800 million dollars (685 million U.S. dollars) on the backburner because of the political uncertainty.

"They didn't mentioo Meech Lake specifically. They said: 'We like you and we like the project we dicussed with you, but we are going to wait unol after July'."

Ecocomists have not tailied the cost of independence, in part because oo one knows how independent an iodependent Quebec might be. Would the province opt for sovereignty-association, retaining monetary and other ties with English Canada, or full independence?

Whatever the choice, economists doubt a separation could be achieved pain!cc:!v. The financial markets would be unsettled for many months.

"It doesn't take a great deal of research to imagine the consequences of destroying a country,' said Edward Neufeld, the chief economist of the Royal Bank,

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY MAY 13, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

evening could bring all kinds of harsh and resentful attitudes causing considerable trouble for anyone trying to make quick headway. Avoid accidents by using more than ordinary care.

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VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You have a good time to look into all sorts of confidential means

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The by which to increase your efficiency; don't just sit about daydreaming of things.

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SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Take someone out to first get rid of a secret anxiety then you will be able to get off to some progressive outlets and make considerable developments.

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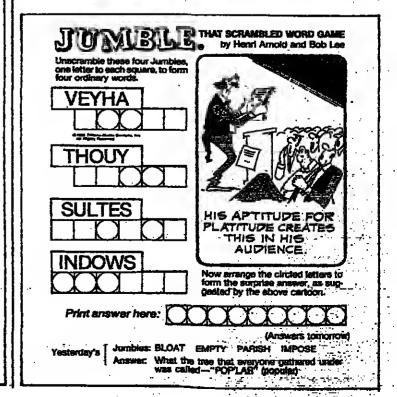
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# THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS

fy you.

"I'm glad you dumped a plate of spaghetti on my head. It makes me look like Michael Landon!"



## stitutions July 2, when the West remain unanswered. U.S. car makers launch drive to restore credibility

By Nicholas Platt Jr. Reuter

DETROIT - The once mighty U.S. car industry is waging a campaign to restore its repuation, beavily battered by competition from abroad. In recent weeks, General Motors Corporation (GM) and Chrysler Corporation, the nation's number one and number three carmakers respectively, have fired aggressive publicity salvos to improve the image of

Industry analysts said the companies were alarmed about a widespread perception, especially among young car buyers, tbat American models were inferior to imported ones, particularly those from Japan. There is reason for concern.

their vehicles.

According to Amci, an anto consultancy in Warren. Michigan. 75 per cent of people aged under 45 who bought a new car last year chose an imported In some places, public

panies had to beg consumers to consider their cars. The GM and Chrysler campaigns take different approaches, but make the same basic appeal — give our cars the same consideration as imports and you might be

esteem fell so low that com-

pleasantly surprised. Ford Motor Company — the number two - bas been stressing the quality of its products for nearly a decade with its "quality is job one" slogan. But its approach has been more indirect and subtle than

the overt efforts of its rivals. Ford aside, companies have been slow to learn the value of a quality image, perhaps too slow as foreign competitors have raced ahead. Japanese cars, once a tiny presence in the United States, now command more than a quarter of the U.S. market and are headed higher at the expense of the American firms.

Way too late in the game they've come to realise the reality of the situation," said Jim Wangers, an Amci analyst. That reality bas humbled Detroit, regarded as the tradi-

tional home of the U.S. car industry, in startling ways. Just recently General Motors, considered by many to be to proud and insular to acknowledge its problems, tacitly admitted some of its early 1980s cars might not have been as good as they could

have been. In one television advert, part of a \$40 million "putting quali-ty on the road" campaign, a company worker says: "GM cars bave a whole new standard of dependability and trouble-free performance," implying that previous cars had a lower standard.

"We realise we aren't there

100 per cent," a GM spokes-man said of the company's

quality goals.

Chrysler bas also hit the airwaves and news pages with the campaign 'advantage Chrysler".

In its adverts, Chairman Lee Iacocca decries America's "inferiority complex" about its own products, and demands that coosumers give Chrysler cars a second look, insisting they are as good as or better than the competition. It also features a consumer

test between Honda Motor Company's Accord — the most popular car in the United States last year — and comparable Chrysler models. In the test, 83 per cent find the Chrysler vehicles superior. Although the companies may be late in making their

legitimate gripe, analysts said. In many cases, U.S. cars are as cheap if not cheaper than Japanese ones. There is also evidence that quality bas improved, not least in the much lower number of

quality claims, they do have a

defects for the big three car "Detroit truly believes that the gap in quality between American and Japanese cars has been closing, and that bas not been reflected in market share," said Jay Leopold, an anto analyst with Legg Mason Wood Walker of Baltimore.

But analysts said it will take

time for public perceptions to

alter and sales to change accor-

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#### MONTREAL (R) — Some top man of Quebec's Desjardins Quebec business leaders are Cooperative Group, told reporsounding an alarm that a divorce ters in April.

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resoorces conglomerate Canadian Pacific Limited issued a simi-

Chairman William Stinson said at the company's annual He was referring to Quebec's

passed. The deadline for ratification is June 23 but two provinces

have withheld approval while a third, Newfoundland, bas rescinded its ratification. Until recently, most of

tors." Claude Beland, the chair-Canada's biggest bank.

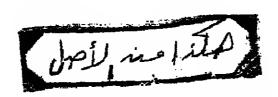
ECONOMY NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviets expect bumper crop

WASHINGTON (AP) - Weather conditions are favourable for a bumper grain crop in the Soviet Union this year, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Friday. The department's first forecast of the year put the 1990 Soviet grain crop at 215 million metric tons, up from 211.1 million tons produced last year. It would also be the largest Russian barvest since the record production of 257.4 million tons in 1978. Officials said the forecast includes 95 million tons of wheat, 106:5 million tons of coarse grains such as barley and sorghum, and 13.5 million tons of miscellaneous grains and pluses. Most of the increase from last year would be in wheat, up from 90.5 million tons harvrested in 1990. Despite the outlook for a bumper harvest, the report said Moscow will continue to be a large buyer of foreign grain, with 1990\_91 imports projected at 36 million tons during the trading year that will begin July 1. That would be down only slightly from the import level of the last two years, the report said.

#### Argentina loans may be released

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) managing director asked the fund's member governments to release part of a suspended loan to Argentina and open the way to a broad deal on its \$60-billion foreign debt, IMF sources said Friday. Members of the IMF usually follow the recommendation of the official, Michel Camdessus. The 152 member governments are expected to agree to release the money, \$240 million, in about two weeks. "If that happens, Argentina would be more likely to make at least a token payment on the interest. Argentina's debt is the largest in the Third World, after Brazil and Mexico. It stopped paying interest to lending banks in April 1988, and owes another \$6 billion in unpaid interest. Banks are reluctant to furnish new money while Argentina is still behind on its interest. They have said the fund should insist that the arrears be cleared up before they do any new lending. Argentina debt was selling on the market last Friday at 14 to 14.5 cents on the dollar.



#### AMMAN LITTLE LEAGUE

Results of baseball games played during the week of May 5-11

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At major events, it is usually the big hands that capture attention. However, even one-level contracts can be dramatic, as this deal from the recent Fall North American Championships illustrates.

Note: West's decision to pass South's one no trump opening bid. in the modern style a double would show the sort of hand with which you would expect to defeat the contract-a good, long suit with an entry or two, not just an arbitrary

East-West were New Yorkers

Adam Wildavsky and Victor King-King's opening lead of the king of clubs asked partner to umblock if he held the queen or jack, or to give

count if he had neither by starting an echo with an even number of cards or playing up the line with an odd number. Wildavsky, therefore, followed with the five, which marked declarer with three clubs headed by the queeo.

To learn more about the hand, West now underled the ace of diamonds: When declarer won the jack and continued with a low diamond loward the len, West look the ace. East signaled vigorously in hearts, so West shifted to the king of that wit and continued with the jack. Declarer played tow from dummy and we know many defenders who would have ducked reflexively. But East realized he had no entry to his hearts, so he put his ace to good use. He overtook his partner's jack and reverted to a club. That allowed the defenders to collect four club tricks, two hearts and the ace of diamonds for a one-trick set. That was necessary to prevent a larger loss, since at the other table East-West played in a heart partial, losing four tricks when declarer misguessed the queen

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against no. 11 seed Helen Kelesi. Seles destroyed Manuela Maleeva 6-0, 6-2, in her quarterfinal contest, while Kelesi bested Catarina Lindqvist 6-4, 6-3. Things did not start well for

The other semifical pits

second-seeded Monica Seles

ROME (AP) - It was over just

when she'd given herself and the

partisan crowd at the Foro Italico

A return of service into the net.

An easy forehand hit 2 feet (0.6

metre) long. Another return into

the net. Another stray forehand.

out Jeonifer Capriati's first inter-

national tournament.

erything right."

Four inexplicable errors closed

"She just played awesome,"

the 14-year-old prodigy said after

her 6-2, 7-5 quarterfinal loss to defending Italian Open champion

Gabriela Sabatini. "She did ev-

Sahatini, who had defeated

Capriati in the finals of the

Americao's first professional

tournament in March, will meet

no. I seed Martina Navratilova in

a semifinal. Navratilova hreezed

through her quarterfinal match

withstands

'alarming'

conditions

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — The all-female crew of

the British Yacht Maiden has

tangled with whales, encountered

icebergs and was turned com-

pletely around by a water spout,

hus remained in third place in its

class Friday in the Whitbread

The 12-woman crew has faced

many hazards, including 50-foot

(15 metre) waves, during the race that began last September in Southapton and is expected to

end next week at the English

Skipper Tracy Edwards radioed to race officials that

Maiden was not damnged by the

whale, but the mast was harmed

during an "alarming" encounter

Crew members inspected the

58-foot (17.7-metre) yacht after

the clash with the whale and

found no damage to the rudder or

keel, Edwards told officials she

assumed the whale passed down

was hit by a water spout shortly

after leaving Fort Lauderdale.

Florida, last weekend on the sixth

and final leg of the race. The

French yacht Espirit De Liberte

and Belgium's Rucanor Sport

harely avoided the water spout.

Liberte and Rucanor Sport, near-

ly halfway through the 3,387-mile (5,419-kilometres) over Steinla-

ger 2, another New Zealand en-

try. Steinlager 2 led the nine-

month race by more than 35

honrs over Fisher and Paykel as

the competitors left fort Lauder-

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The Maiden trails Espirit De

Edwards reported the yacht

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Round the World Race.

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reason to believe it wasn't.

Capriati against Sabatini. The Argentice took the court with an unshakeable concentration, dictating the pace of the match, refusing to he distracted or thrown off her game. Sabatini broke Capriati's serve four times in the first set, three of those

It wasn't that Capriati was playing badly. Sahatini simply refused to let her play well. With excellent strategy and nearly flawless execution, the Argentine hit drive after drive, sending Caprian deep into the corners and keeping her from setting up for her always dangerous baseline

"I never thought I was going to Sabatini said after the match. "That was the key. 1 didn't go out with any specific game plan other than to fight for every point."

Capriau steadied in the second set, holding serve on her first two chances before giving up a hreak to fall behind 4-3, and then 5-3. The contest appeared 10 be over. But Capriati, who during the

tournament had won over the Rome crowd with ber youth and ber Italian parentage and impressed them with ber heart, found the strength to rally, Serving at 3-5, she connected on a backhand-smash winner to go up 40-0 and closed out the game with a solid forehand volley.

With Sahatini serving for the match, she hit a winner off a Sahatini overhead to make it 30-

all, then fought off a match point before forcing Sabatini to hit long to make it 5-5,

in an instant, the momentum which Sabatini had built up during the match had dissipated. Even luck appeared to be oo Capriati's side, as two of her cross-court drives caught the sideline and skidded away for winners. But Sabatini dug in, fending off two game points, squandering one of her own before prevailing in a hreathtaking, all-out rally to lead 6-5.

The final game was over in an instant. Four mistakes. "I didn't lose the match at 5-5," Capriati said. "There really wasn't any turning point. She just played great. She kept me pinned to the baseline t really didn't bave many chances to attack or come to net.

The darling of the crowd and media seemed content with her Roman holiday despite the loss. "It was very very exciting," she said eheerfully. "Rome is a beaugiful city. And I loved it when the fans cheered for me. It was great to be bere."

While magnanimous in defeat, Capriati made no doubt that she had come to Rome convinced that she play with any of the top seeds. "Nobody infinidates me. I don't think about that. I just go out and play the hall."

Navratilova, the oldest player in the tournament at 33, played her best tennis of the week after struggling through two three-set matches against relatively unknown opponents.

"This is the best match I've played since I've been here." Navratilova said.

#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Rosenthal joins Liverpool

LONDON (R) - Israeli striker Ronnie Rosenthal signed for Liverpool from Belgium eluh Standard Liege Friday in a £1 million (\$1.65 million) deal, the English soccer league champions announced. The move, subject to a work permit being granted, follows Rosenthal's impressive form during Liverpool's title run-in when he was on loan for a month from Standard Liege. Rosenthal, who scores seven goals from just five starts and three appearances as a substitute, has signed a three-year contract. The Israeli, with 31 caps, has oow returned home to join his national squad for forthcoming internationals against the Soviet Union and

#### Soviet leads tour de Trump

NEW YORK (R) - Canadian amateur Ed Kaczmarczyk cruised to an easy win over Swedish amateur Michel Lafis in Friday's 11th stage, while race leader Vladislav Bohrik of the Soviet Union conserved his energy during the Tour de Trump Cycling race. Kaczmarczyk, who took the lead early, woo the 80-kilometre New York City circuit race, was timed in one hour 43 minutes 41 seconds on the eight-lap course. Lafis was second in 1:43:45. American amateur Mike McCarthy who began his cycling carcer by training oo this same course seven years ago, overcame a flat tire with 15 kilometres remaining to finish third in 1:43:53. The American lost just 22 seconds while his tire was replaced. Bohrik, the Soviet amateur who claimed the lead after winning the third stage one week ago, was content to finish in a large pack of riders, one minute 45 seconds after the winner. Bobrik, 19, competing in his first international stage race, will encounter the most difficult stage of the race Sunday.

#### Agassi loses in Hamburg

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) - Second-seeded American Andre Agassi - ashed out of the West German Open tennis championship Friday leaving Boris Becker as the only remaining

Agassi, the world number four, lost 7-6, 7-6 to Swede Magnus Gustafsson in a third-round match interrupted by rain on Thursday

with the score tied at 4-4 in the second set. Gustafsson had a chance to end the match soon after the resump-

tion Friday with the score at 5-4 but Agassi fought back to level the set at 6-6.

The American then took a 3-0 lead in the tiebreak only to see

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Gustafsson rally to take the tiebreak 7-5 and win the match. Gustafsson was later beaten

6-1, 6-4 in the quarter-finals by Spaniard Juan Aguilera, who had eliminated 10th seed Jim Courier of the United States 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 in another third-round match carried over from Thursday.

West Germany's top seed and three times Wimhledon champioo Boris Beeker defeated American Jimmy Arias 6-3, 6-1 in typically forceful fashion to set up a semifinal clash with resurgent Frenchman Henri Leconte.

Leconte, who is clawing his way back up the world rankings after dropping to 152nd place because of injuries, beat Argentine Franco Davin 6-3, 6-3.

Beeker reminded reporters that the Frenchman had beaten him in their only two previous meetings on clay. Two years ago Leconte won their semifinal match in the same tournament in

three hard-fought sets. "Henri is a nice guy who belongs among the best 15 io the world," Becker said.

Leconte's compatriot Guy Forget also produced some fine tennis with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 victory over fifth seed Jay Berger of the United states.

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# Capriati's road ends at Rome Manchester United, Palace tie 3-3

The Associated Press

WEMBLEY, England - Mark Hughes spoiled Ian Wright's storybook return for Crystal Palace by snatching Manchester United's overtime equaliser in a 3-3 tie in the Football Association cup soccer final Saturday.

Wright, who missed the last ten games of the league campaign after breaking his leg during a game, scored twice as be came on as substitute for his first competitive soccer for six weeks.

His two-goal performance before 80,000 fans at Wembley turned a mediocre cup final into a thriller. There may not have been much flair in the game but it was full of incident and goals. Wright entered the game with

Palace 2-1 down. His two strikes turned the game around, before Hughes snatched an equaliser to send the game to a replay on Thursday.

Palace defender Gary O'Reilly headed his side in front on 18 minutes.

But Bryan Robson, captain of both Manchester United and Eogland, equalised ten mioutes before half time with a header deflected into the net by Palace defender John Pemberton.

As the game see-sawed, Welsh international striker Hughes, formerly of Spanish eluh Barcelona, fired United in front in the 62nd *min*ute.

But Wright squared the match in the 73rd, four minutes after taking the field, and fired Palace ahead after two minutes of over-

Palace, playing its first ever cup final compared with United's 11th appearance, looked set to struck again with eight minutes of

overtime remaining. With each side fielding just one striker, the game developed into a midfield battle with United

and Danny Wallace. But it was Palace that snatched the lead on 18 minutes thanks to a

potentially holding the aces in

Robson, Neil Webb, Paul Ince

glaring goalkeeper's error. Jim Leighton, who will be keeping goal for Scotland in the World Cup next month, misjudged a freekick by Phil Barber and rushed off his line as the ball flew over.

O'Reilly jumped against Gary Pallister, appeared to get the decisive touch and the ball looped over Leighton and into the net.

Five minutes later, Palace should have gone further ahead when Mark Bright found Geoff Thomas in plenty of space 12 six yards.

collect the cup before Hughes yards from goal but the Palac captain shot tamely into Leighton's arms.

United produced little to worry the Palace goalkeeper in the first half hour hut he had to pick the hall out of the net after 35 mi-

The persisteor Wallace fed a pass out for Brian McClair, whose centre found Robson unmarked at the far post.

The England eaptain headed goalwards and, although goalkeeper Nigel Martyn appeared to have it covered, the hall was deflected past him by Palace rightback Pemherton.

United looked the more positive side at this stage and McClair missed a chance to put his side ahead seven minutes hefore half time when he headed wide from





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Chamorro orders review of Sandinista property seizures

# Managua government threatens to fire 60,000 public employees

MANAGUA (AP) — The government threatened to fire about 60,000 public employees who held sit-in strikes to demand that their wages be doubled and that a law protecting labour rights be restored.

Also Friday, President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro ordered a sweeping review of property seizures during 10 years of Sandinis-

About 2,000 public workers, shouting "power to the people," broke through a crodon of 100 policemen late Friday and took over a plaza outside the presiden-

"Workers on strike should return to their jobs," said Labour Minister Francisco Rosales. "Otherwise we will declare the strike illegal and apply the labour law and those who do not show up will be fired."

Government officials refused to meet with union representatives. The workers then asked for a meeting Monday and vowed to continue the strike.

Rosales, speaking at a news conference with Mrs. Chamorro, said the government would negotiate wage increases, but not

under pressure. Covernmen? employees rejected a 60 per cent pay increase Chamorro had ordered earlier this week, saying it did not keep up with the steep price increases. Prices of clothes have shot up harharously," said Clarissa Gutierrez, 50, a janitor at the

Gutierrez complained that a pound of sugar now costs 50 cents, rice 40 cents, beans 55 cents, and a quart of cooking oil \$3 — in a nation where few people can earn more than \$100

Education Ministry.

But Roberto Martinez, 40, who has a stall at Managua's sprawling Eastern Market, hoped for better times. "Things will change. The new government is just getting started. We suffered more under the Sandinistas.

The civil service law suspended Thursday hy Chamorro protects employees from firing and grants them the right to strike and hargain collectively. Rosales has said it "ties the hands of the new

Confederation of Public Administration Workers, maintains that the president does not have the authority to change laws while the National Assembly is

The strike is the only instrument the workers have to preserve their rights," said Jose Angels Bermudez, secretary general of the federation.

Chamorro told the news conference Friday, "we have inherited a country that was virtually sacked and in complete bankruptcy and it is our responsibility to get it going again."

She announced her government would review all laws passed by the leftist Sandinistas in their last two months in office. Chamorro took power on April

At the rime, the Sandinistas had control of the National Assembly, but Chamorro's 14-party United National Opposition (UNO) took a majority in parliament with its victory in the Feh. 25 elections.

Chamorro said all property seizures implemented by the Sandinistas during their 101/2 years in power will be reviewed. The Sandinistas had confiscated some private businesses and turned them

The nnion, called the General into state enterprises and had taken land from some wealthy landowners and distributed it to peasants under an agrarian reform programme.

Moscow

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MOSCOW (R) — Insulting or slandering President Mikhail

Gorbachev could earn six years in

prison under a draft law consi-

dered by the Soviet parliament

The proposed law followed un-

precedented public attacks on the

Soviet leader, a result of his

glasnost (openness) policies which bave destroyed countless

On May Day demonstrators

would protect "the honour and

published or broadcast, the

punishment would be up to two

years of corrective labour or as

much as six years in prison, Inter-fax said.

In addition, a newspaper, radio or television station which carried

such material could be fined up to

25,000 roubles (\$41,000) and sus-

Interfax said simple criticism of the president or his policies

would not be an offence. It did

not say where the line between

criticism and slander or insults

It also did not say wbether the

May Day attacks on Gorbachev

had prompted the bill. But, a day

after the incident, the Communist

Party daily Pravda condemned

what it called the "insulting

attacks on the constitutional au-

Gorbachev bas also suffered a

flood of criticism from the rebel-

lious Baltie republics, where

some protesters have carried pla-

cards comparing him to Adolf

dignity of the president."

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25 minutes of abuse.

np to three years.

pended, it said.

would be drawn.

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Saturday, Soviet media said.

The president said spring planting would start this month, and she ordered that all agricultural and pasture land be opened provisionally to reutal to revive farm

Gustavo Tabaldo, director of the Agrarian Reform Institute, said that was a temporary measure to allow land to be worked while property rights are clar-

Food production dropped so sharply under the Sandinistas, who were the targets of a U.S.imposed economic embargo and of military attacks by U.S.-financed rebels, that Nicaragua was forced to import crops it used to export. The Bush administration lifted the embargo the day Chamorro was inaugurated

Chamorro also ordered a review of all laws and decrees issued by the Sandinistas between their election defeat and Chamorro's inauguration. The review is aimed at recovering government property was shifted to Sandinista officials and supporters in their last days in power.

## Thatcher: My work is not yet done

ABERDEEN, Scotland (R) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, making the best out of bad political and economie news, came out fighting Saturday and vowed to lead ber embattled Conservative Party to a fourth

election victory,
"A woman's work is never done," she told a party confer-ence in Scotland's oil capital, Aberdeen, in a speech designed to show the tide is turning in

elections since 1979 and they would help her to win a fourth, which must be called by mid-

"If we play as a team and keep our eye on the ball, we can make it a Conservative grand slam," Thatcher said.

After slipping more than 25 points behind the opposition Labour Party in opinion polls, the Conservatives have detected signs of an improvement in their

Conservative strategists drew comfort from local elections on May 3 when gains by Labour were nowhere near as large as had been predicted.

The results were seen as a setback for former Conservative cabinet minister Michael Heseltine, who has been running an undeclared campaign for the party leadership.

A jump in annual inflation Friday from 8.1 per cent to 3.4 per cent, the highest rate in eight years, also beartened Conservatives who had feared the figure might top 10 per cent.

After months in which Thatcher's personal popularity has siumped as a result of a new poll tax imposed to fund local services, senior party members have made a concerted attempt to

boost ber standing. Conservative Party Chairman Kenneth Baker said Friday that now was no time to "drop the pilot" and Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd spoke of a sea

## New York mayor tries to cool racial tention

NEW YORK (R) — Mayor last August after he was sur-David Dinkins appealed to New Yorkers Friday night to cool ra-cial tensions as the city faced Sharpton has said if there were po what could be a long, hot summer due to animosity involving blacks going to burn down." and whites and blacks and Ko-

"This city is sick of violence and we're aching," said Dinkins in his first major address on racial problems since his election in November as New York's first black mayor. "I challenge all of the people of this city to reject

Tensions have been fuelled by a current murder trial in which two white youths from the mainly Italian-American Brooklyn neighbourhood of Bensonhurst 16-year-old black.

chanted "down with Gorbachev" Black-Korean tensions have and booed him as he stood on been brewing as more and more Lenin's Mausoleum watching the Koreans open husinesses in black festival parade. Gorbachev and neighbourhoods and have come other leaders left in disgust after to a head with an angry picket by blacks ontside two Korean-owned grocery stores in Brooklyn's The Soviet News Agency Flatbush district. (TASS) said the proposed law

The blacks have boycotted the groceries for four months since a black woman alleged she was assaulted by a Korean

The Soviet News Agency Inter-fax said that if it became law anyone insulting or slandering the president in public would face a fine of up to 3,000 rouhles storekeeper. In his speech, Dinkins condemned the boycott as "intimida-tion" and added, "I oppose any (\$5,000) or corrective labour of boycott hased on race." up to two years or a jail term of added, "we need to make prejudice prevention an active part If the slander or insult was of life in this city."

Black demonstrators have been milling outside the Brooklyn Supreme Court this week demanding murder verdicts for Joseph Fama, 19, and Keith Mondello, 19, accused in the killing of Yusuf Hawkins, a black youth who was

HYDERABAD, India (R) -

Nearly 300 people have been killed by a powerful cyclone carv-

ing a path of destruction through

the rich farmlands of the south

Indian state of Andhra Pradesh,

At least 266 people have been

reported dead since the cyclone,

packing winds of 240 kilometres

per bour, slammed into the

mouth of the Krisbna River

Wednesday and flattened nearly

everything in its path, state offi-

The death toll would probably

exceed 300, officials at the Cyc-

state officials said Saturday.

cyclone nears 300

**Death toll in south India** 

Sharpton has said if there were no murder convictions "the town is

He has organised protest mar-ches throughout the city, with demonstrators chanting, "no justice, no peace."

. As jury deliherations continned Friday, some blacks and whites shouted angrily at each other outside the courthouse. "I bope they come up with the

right decision — otherwise it's going to be one humdinger. This is just the start," said one police

"We're getting sick and tired of this" one black man shouted. But are charged in the killing of a a white woman screamed, "what about our jogger?", referring to the brutal rape and beating of a 28-year-old white woman attacked by a gang of hlack youths while jogging in Central Park.
In his speech, Dinkins warned, "predictions of violence and an-ger tend to be self-fulfilling."

'Let us not permit the prejudice of a few in Flatbush, in Bensonhurst, or wherever, to silence the goodwill of the rest of us," the Mayor said.

Dinkins said be was planning an anti-bias agenda that would include all levels of government in what he called a "system-wide imitiative."

He also called on clergy and the media to take responsibility for fighting bias.

Dinkins campaigned under a theme of "healing," pledging to make racial harmony a centrepiece of his administration.

He had been under fire from critics for what they called his reinctance to speak out on the shot to death in the Bensonhurst city's growing racial strife.

lone Control Centre in the state

capital of Hyderabad said Satur-

day. Most of the victims have

been found in the rubble of col-

State Relief Commissioner Ar

juna Rao told reporters late Fri-

day that 2.6 million people living in the path of the storm, including

400,000 who had been evacuated,

were either temporarily homeless

He said the state bas set up 550

Reports of deaths and property

or in need of relief supplies.

relief camps.

lapsed houses, they said.

#### SANTA MONICA, California (AP) - Elizabeth Taylor suf-

complications

fered complications including new infections in her fifth week of bospitalisation for pneumonia, and will remain bospitalised for about six more weeks, doctors said Friday. The recovery of Miss Taylor, near death two weeks ago with viral pneumonia, was dealt a setback by bacterial pneumonia and a yeast infection, her doctors said. During the next 11/2 months, she will require intravenous therapay in the hospital, they said in a statement released by St. John's Hospital and health centre,

Bacterial pneumonia is generally considered less serious than the viral pneumonia Miss Taylor initially contracted. That's because antibiotics are effective against bacterial but not viruses. "She is tolerating this therapy textremely well and her doctors are pleased with her progress," Miss Taylor's publicist, Chen Sam, said. Earlier this week, Ms. Sam said the 58-year-old actress was improving damage were still trickling in hospital this week to recuperate at home. and would be released from the

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#### Fashion designer's will challenged

of Italian fashion magnate Aldo Gucci has attacked as fraudulent a will that leaves all of his U.S. property to the woman he lived with and to the daughter she bore him. Gucci died on Jan. 19 in Rome at age 84. He left an estate worth millions of dollars, but his will, filed for probate in Manhattan's Surrogate Court, says only \$500,000. Gucci's will, executed in Palm Beach, Florida, on Nov. 3, 1989, leaves half of his U.S. bo Gucci" and half to their daughter Patricia Gucci Losio, 25. The daughter's share includes a cooperative apartment on West three sons. Price, who lives in Rome, and two of the sons, Paolo of West Sussex, England, and Roberto of Florence, say the will was "not freely or voluntarily made."

#### Dhaka expels 5,000 students for cheating

DHAKA (R) - Bangladesh tell him by the next hearing. frequent attempts to climinate it. 

# Pope urges converts to return to church

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (R) - Pope John Paul has pleaded with Roman Catholics who bave joined fast-growing Protestant fundamentalist sects in Latin America to return to the church. saving they would be welcomed back "with open arms."

The Pope, on the sixth day of a gruelling eight-day trip across Mexico, made the comments in a homily at an outdoor mass celebrated for bundreds of thousands of people in Villabermosa, near the Guatemalan border.

Using the gospel parable of the vine and the branches, the Pope

reports of injuries.

nobody, the paper reported.

north Queensland towns and cities.

Quake shakes Soviet island

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

TOKYO (AP) — A severe earthquake shook the Soviet island

of Sakhalin Saturday. Japan's Central Meteorological Agency

reported. The quake registered 7.7 on the Richter Scale and

struck at 1:51 p.m. (0451 GMT) about 600 kilometres below the

eastern coast of central Sakhalin, the agency said in a preliminary

report. The epicenter was about 1,450 kilometres north of Tokyo.

The Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) said it contacted a Soviet

weather observatory near the earthquake's epicenter and was told

there were no injuries or reports of damage other than overturned

furniture. The earthquake was felt in many parts of northern

Japan, but there was no threat of Tsunami, or powerful ocean

waves triggered by seismic disturbances, the Central Meteorolo-

gical Agency said. Japanese police said they had received no

LUANDA, Angola (AP) - Jonas Savimbi's U.S.-backed UN-

ITA rehels killed five civilians and wounded 17 in two attacks on

Angola's second-largest city of Huambo, the state daily Jornal de

Angola reported Saturday. According to the paper, the rebels killed one civilian and wounded 17 in an attack Thursday on the

Cacilhas district of the city. 525 kilometres southeast of Luanda,

the capital. Huambo was UNITA's central Angolan capital until a

1977 military defeat. Four other citizens died Tuesday in a rebel

attack on the Huambo suburb of Vila da Graca, and the

insurgents razed five buildings in the attacks, the paper said. Two

UNITA hombs also exploded Tuesday in Luena, capital of eastern Moxico province, damaging two huildings hut injuring

BRISBANE (AP) - Rescuers Saturday found the wreckage of a

small jet that crashed in the far north of Australia and said there

were no survivors among the 11 passengers and crew. Among the

victims was the mayor of Cairns, Keith Goodwin, police said.

Officials said the other nine passengers were local councillors returning from a conference. The Cessna Citation jet went down

Friday in a heavily forested area hetween the towns of Atherton

and Mareeba, sugar milling communities 1,340 kilometres north

of Brisoane and 56 kilometres southwest of Cairns in the northern

state of Queensland. The plane, owned by the Air North

Queensland Co., smashed into a steep slope near Mt. Emerald,

16 kilometres south of Mareeba. Rescuers were hampered in their

efforts by fog, low cloud and a severe electrical storm. Queensland Local Government Association Secretary Greg Hoffman

said the 10 passengers on the plane were councillors from five

PALM SPRINGS, California (R) -- Charles Farrell, who formed

one of Hollywood's most romantic screen couples with Janet

Gaynor and 20 years later became a television star, has died at 89.

friends said Friday. They said Farrell, who died of heart failure at

his Palm Springs home Sunday, had asked that his death not be

announced until he had been huried beside his wife, Actress

Virginia Valli. Massachusetts-born Farrell, who was often mis-

taken for an Englishman because of bis accent, made a number of

films with Gaynor, including one of the last hig silent film

productions. Seventh Heaven, in 1927. Known as Hollywood's

golden couple, they were among the top ten box office draws for

two years. Gaynor, who died in 1984, went on to more screen

trinraphs, including A Star is Born. But Farrell appeared in only a

few more films and the 1950s television series My Little Margie.

LIMA (AP) - Peru, hit hard hy drought, is calling on

industrialised countries and the United Nations to donate food to

help it through the next nine months, the government announced.

For the past year Peru, along with neighbouring Bolivia, has been

suffering the worst regional drought this century. It has coincided

with Peru's worst economic crisis in 90 years. The drought has

caused strict water rationing by the 7 million residents in the capital, Lima, and its port city of Callao. Many outlying areas now

rely on water delivered by truck. Lima Mayor Ricardo Belmont

has warned that the Rimac River, the city's main source of water.

may run dry by July. Peru's electricity supply, which comes

mainly from hydroelectric complexes, bas also been reduced by

Peru seeks international food ald

Actor Charles Farrell dies at 89

11 dead in Australia plane crash

Angolan rebels kill five in attacks

some have broken this bond of

unity ... hy joining the sects." Pleading with those who have joined the Protestant groups, the

"Come back, without fear. The eburch awaits you with open arms. Nothing would make the heart of the Pope more happy ... than if those who bave left would return to the bosom of the

He spoke to the huge crowd, one of the largest he bas attracted during the trip, from a three-

said: "It is a painful fact that tiered altar-platform resembling an ancient Mayan temple.

It was the third time since the trip began Sunday that the Pope referred to the problem of the Protestant sects, underscoring his and Latin American Catholie leaders' concern over the rapid growth of fundamental Evangeli-

The groups, most of which are based in the United States, have been luring Catholics away in growing numbers, particularly through the use of religious television broadcasts.

### Incendiary device may have caused **Philippine** iplane blast

MANILA (R) - A small incendiary device may bave caused the blast and fire that killed eight people aboard a Philippine Airlines Boeing 737 jet, an official

government's Aircraft Safety and Accident Investigation Division, said in a telephone interview the explosion on the plane might have been caused by "an unsophisticated set-up like an incendiary device."

plane," he said.

He dismissed the possibility that plastic explosives timed to blow up when the jet was in the air caused the hlast. "That does not appear to be the case here because you would need a fistful of the material and a complicated arming device." be said.

The explosion was not big passengers to jump from the

who would try to blow up the plane, which was being towed down the runway at Manila airport Friday for a flight to the central Philippine city of Iloilo.

bility for the incident. Security was tightened around Manila's international and domestic airports following the incident, offi-

day morning, raising the death toll to eight, an airline official

Friday and 87 people were taken to hospitals suffering from burns, smoke inhalation and hroken

the 113 passengers. The plane also carried a crew of six. "We could not even tell if it was a man or a woman," airline spokesman Enrique Santos said in an interview about the body

where the explosion occurred. Police have started picking through the wreckage of the plane to determine whether the bomb was planted on board, offi-

found in the plane's mid-section

# favour of the Conservatives. She said radical policies had helped her to win three general

said Saturday.
Galileo Baniqued, chief of the

"It must be something inside the plane. There are hand-carried luggages where explosives can be mserted and smuggled into the

enough and did not wreck the windows of the plane, but it ignited a hlaze that forced the hurning aircraft, he said. Baniqued said be bad no idea

No group has claimed responsi-

Another body was discovered inside the wrecked aircraft Satur-

Seven bodies were recovered

The eight dead, including a child and six women, were among

## Hess brought Churchill special terms in return for neutrality or support LONDON (R) - A Soviet KGB official said

Friday that Adolf Hitler sent top aide Rudolf Hess to Britain during World War II to offer Winston Churchill special terms in return for British

neturality or support. Colonel Igor Frelin, chief spokesman for the KGB secret police, made the remarks in London where he is promoting a Soviet film on double agent Kim Philiby which will be shown on British television next week.

Frelin told reporters Philby supplies information about Hess's May 1941 flight to Scotland, one of the great mysteries of the war.

"Hess brought two proposals to Britain from Hitler: First if Britain remained neutral it would not be subject to German air attack. It would be able to retain its empire and still maintain a dominant position in the Middle East." Frelin

"The second proposal was that if Britain fought on the same side as Germany the two countries would largely be able to divide the world between

"Britain would retain its empire. It would take control of the Caucasus region and Soviet Central Asia... Japan would be dominant in the Far East, taking over the French colonies in Indo-China, Germany would be the dominant power in Europe and North Africa," Frelin added.

"Churchill rejected these terms. He realised that if Hitler is able to knock out the Soviet Union be would be powerful enough to defeat Britain. There was no reason to think that Hitler would change in the party's fortunes. keep his word," he said.



Rudolf Bless

Frelin said some of the information came through Philby, based on what the mediator between Churchill and Hess said. British files on the subject will not be made public until the year 2007.

The Soviet News Agency TASS said Wednesday the documentary "The Cambridge Graduate" showed that while Philby was working for British intelligence he passed details to Moscow about Ress's flight within three days.

# Noriega's attorney gets help from Cuban president

MIAMI (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro has lent a hand to Manuel Noriega in his drug-trafficking case, the ousted Panamanian leader's lawyers said.

The Cuban president met with Noriega's defence team in March, attorney Frank Rubino said Friday, adding that he couldn't reveal what Castro told them due to the classified nature of the information.

"Fidel Castro met with some of Gen. Noriega's lawyers and discussed certain sensitive issues with us," Rubino told the Miami Herald. "He further provided us with certain documentation.

Castro was quoted by a Brazilian television reporter as saying his information will elear Noriega.

"I bave even talked with Noriega's lawyers," Castro said. "If this is the evidence (prosecu-

tors) have against Noriega, then they have no evidence against him, and I have all the proof which proves the falsehoods of the accusations."

The Cuban leader did not say what kind of evidence he gave the lawyers, but claimed "to have all the cards in my hands to irrefutably prove the lies."

According to a February 1988 indictment, Castro mediated a dispute in 1984 between Noriega and Colombia's Medellin drug cartel over a raid on a drug lab the Panamanian leader had supposedly been paid to protect.

Noriega is held at the Federal Metropolitan Correctional Centre outside the Miami awaiting trial on charges he took money from the cartel to make his country a safe haven for cocaine smug-

On Friday, U.S. District Judge

William Hoeveler ordered prosecutors to explain why it gave \$5.8 million confiscated from Noriega to Panama's new govern-

Hoeveler said it appeared the U.S. government had failed to follow normal legal procedures before surrendering the casb found at Noriega's quarters in Panama during the U.S. invasion in December.

"Although it's not coming to have \$5 million or \$6 million in one's bedroom. ... it appears the money was his," the judge said. That raises an interesting question about what right the government had to give it away.

Hoeveler spoke during a hearing called by defence attorney, who've threatened to withdraw. saying they haven't been paid since Noriega was captured on Jan. 4, two weeks after the inva-

Prosecutors have seized \$20 million in 27 bank accounts around the world. The defence says Noriega must have earned at least some money legally during his 25-year career as military officer and, more recently, de facto ruler of Panama, and told the judge it needs some of that money to represent Noriega in

the complex, expensive case.
Hoevler has ordered prosecutors to show why the money shouldn't be released to Noriega and his attorneys, saying the government has an obligation to show money was obtained illegally before freezing accounts.

Hoeveler also questioned the had no information of his own about where his assets were, saying he wanted the general to

Sammy Davis Jr.

LOS ANGELES (R) - Entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. weighs

only 27 kilogrammes and appears to be losing his battle with throat cancer, a close friend has said.

"He is very seriously ill and there seems little hope," the friend said. A spokeswoman for Davis,

Susan Reynolds, said the 64-year-

old entertainer was resting and

there was no change in his condi-

tion. Davis, who is five feet six

inches (1.68 metres), used to weigh 57 kilogrammes. In Febru-

ary he underwent hospital radia-

tion treatment for a second time

for throat cancer and returned to

his home in Berverly Hills. A

stream of friends, including Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin,

has since called on him. Davis.

who smoked two packets of

cigarettes a day until recently,

had just completed a concert tour

with Sinatra when be first under-

went treatment late last year.

Liz Taylor suffers

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NEW YORK (AP) — The widow

that the estate is worth more than estate "to my wife Bruna Palom-54th Street near Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, and art, antiques and furniture. A challenge to the will was filed two weeks ago by Olwen Price, 82, Gucci's Englishborn first wife who bore him

school examination officials said they expelled more than 5,000 stdents for cheating on the first day of college entry examinations and dismissed 10 teachers for helping cheaters. Teachers hid under tables and angry students burled stones, shoes and coconut shells at police during a riotious opening day of the secondary school certificate tests. Nearly 450,000 students will take the month-long tests to qualify for college. Police fired birdshot and used batons and tearges to restore order at 50 centres, where many students marched and demonstrated in support of their right to cheat. Fifty people were arrested and more than 100 injured in the clashes. Widespread cheating is a regular feature in Bangladesh school, college and university examinations despite